

# **AEP Texas Central Company and Subsidiaries**

2009 Annual Report

Consolidated Financial Statements



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## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

When the following terms and abbreviations appear in the text of this report, they have the meanings indicated below.

| Term                     | Meaning  |
|--------------------------|--|
| AEP or Parent            | American Electric Power Company, Inc.  |
| AEP East companies       | APCo, CSPCo, I&M, KPCo and OPCo.   |
| AEPEP                    | AEP Energy Partners, Inc., a subsidiary of AEP dedicated to wholesale marketing and trading, asset management and commercial and industrial sales in the deregulated Texas market.   |
| AEPSC                    | American Electric Power Service Corporation, a service subsidiary providing management and professional services to AEP and its subsidiaries.  |
| AEP System or the System | American Electric Power System, an integrated electric utility system, owned and operated by AEP's electric utility subsidiaries.  |
| AEP West companies       | PSO, SWEPCo, TCC and TNC.  |
| AFUDC                    | Allowance for Funds Used During Construction.  |
| AOCI                     | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income.  |
| APCo                     | Appalachian Power Company, an AEP electric utility subsidiary.   |
| ARO                      | Asset Retirement Obligations.  |
| CO <sub>2</sub>          | Carbon Dioxide and other greenhouse gases.   |
| CSPCo                    | Columbus Southern Power Company, an AEP electric utility subsidiary.   |
| CSW                      | Central and South West Corporation, a subsidiary of AEP (Effective January 21, 2003, the legal name of Central and South West Corporation was changed to AEP Utilities, Inc.).   |
| CTC                      | Competition Transition Charge.   |
| CWIP                     | Construction Work in Progress.   |
| EIS                      | Energy Insurance Services, Inc., a nonaffiliated captive insurance company.  |
| ERCOT                    | Electric Reliability Council of Texas.   |
| ETT                      | Electric Transmission Texas, LLC, a 50% equity interest joint venture with MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company formed to own and operate electric transmission facilities in ERCOT.  |
| Federal EPA              | United States Environmental Protection Agency.   |
| FERC                     | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.  |
| FTR                      | Financial Transmission Right, a financial instrument that entitles the holder to receive compensation for certain congestion-related transmission charges that arise when the power grid is congested resulting in differences in locational prices. |
| GAAP                     | Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America.  |
| IRS                      | Internal Revenue Service.  |
| I&M                      | Indiana Michigan Power Company, an AEP electric utility subsidiary.  |
| KPCo                     | Kentucky Power Company, an AEP electric utility subsidiary.  |
| kV                       | Kilovolt.  |
| MTM                      | Mark-to-Market.  |
| OATT                     | Open Access Transmission Tariff.   |
| OCC                      | Corporation Commission of the State of Oklahoma.   |
| OPCo                     | Ohio Power Company, an AEP electric utility subsidiary.  |
| OPEB                     | Other Postretirement Benefit Plans.  |
| OTC                      | Over the counter.  |

| <b>Term</b>                        | <b>Meaning</b>   |
|------------------------------------|--|
| PSO                                | Public Service Company of Oklahoma, an AEP electric utility subsidiary.            |
| PUCT                               | Public Utility Commission of Texas.  |
| REP                                | Texas Retail Electric Provider.  |
| RTO                                | Regional Transmission Organization.  |
| SIA                                | System Integration Agreement.  |
| SPP                                | Southwest Power Pool.  |
| SWEPco                             | Southwestern Electric Power Company, an AEP electric utility subsidiary.           |
| TCC                                | AEP Texas Central Company, an AEP electric utility subsidiary.                     |
| Texas Restructuring<br>Legislation | Legislation enacted in 1999 to restructure the electric utility industry in Texas. |
| TNC                                | AEP Texas North Company, an AEP electric utility subsidiary.                       |
| Utility Money Pool                 | AEP System's Utility Money Pool.   |

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of  
AEP Texas Central Company:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of AEP Texas Central Company and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in common shareholder's equity and comprehensive income (loss), and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards as established by the Auditing Standards Board (United States) and in accordance with the auditing standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of AEP Texas Central Company and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Columbus, Ohio  
February 26, 2010

**AEP TEXAS CENTRAL COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007  
(in thousands)

|   | <b>2009</b>      | <b>2008</b>      | <b>2007</b>      |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>REVENUES</b>   |                  |                  |                  |
| Electric Transmission and Distribution                  | \$ 871,747       | \$ 815,681       | \$ 785,163       |
| Sales to AEP Affiliates                                 | 4,459            | 5,930            | 5,690            |
| Other Revenues  | 3,978            | 15,428           | 17,752           |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>                                   | <b>880,184</b>   | <b>837,039</b>   | <b>808,605</b>   |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>   |                  |                  |                  |
| Fuel and Other Consumables Used for Electric Generation | -                | -                | 287              |
| Purchased Electricity for Resale                        | 3                | 559              | 3,583            |
| Other Operation   | 244,097          | 243,574          | 237,326          |
| Maintenance   | 36,528           | 38,243           | 38,920           |
| Depreciation and Amortization                           | 256,718          | 219,309          | 214,470          |
| Taxes Other Than Income Taxes                           | 68,597           | 69,308           | 74,450           |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                                   | <b>605,943</b>   | <b>570,993</b>   | <b>569,036</b>   |
| <b>OPERATING INCOME</b>                                 | <b>274,241</b>   | <b>266,046</b>   | <b>239,569</b>   |
| <b>Other Income (Expense):</b>                          |                  |                  |                  |
| Interest Income   | 693              | 32,659           | 15,629           |
| Allowance for Equity Funds Used During Construction     | 2,113            | 3,162            | 3,232            |
| Interest Expense  | (157,369)        | (176,089)        | (180,467)        |
| <b>INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE</b>                 | <b>119,678</b>   | <b>125,778</b>   | <b>77,963</b>    |
| Income Tax Expense                                      | 37,806           | 39,941           | 19,013           |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>                                       | <b>81,872</b>    | <b>85,837</b>    | <b>58,950</b>    |
| Preferred Stock Dividend Requirements                   | 240              | 240              | 240              |
| <b>EARNINGS ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON STOCK</b>            | <b>\$ 81,632</b> | <b>\$ 85,597</b> | <b>\$ 58,710</b> |

*The common stock of TCC is owned by a wholly-owned subsidiary of AEP.*

*See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.*

**AEP TEXAS CENTRAL COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN COMMON SHAREHOLDER'S**  
**EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007**  
**(in thousands)**

|   | <u>Common<br/>Stock</u> | <u>Paid-in<br/>Capital</u> | <u>Retained<br/>Earnings</u> | <u>Accumulated<br/>Other<br/>Comprehensive<br/>Income (Loss)</u> | <u>Total</u>      |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| <b>TOTAL COMMON SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY –<br/>DECEMBER 31, 2006</b>                        | \$ 55,292               | \$ 132,606                 | \$ 217,218                   | \$ -   | \$ 405,116        |
| Adoption of Guidance for Uncertainty in Income Taxes,<br>Net of Tax                     |                         |                            | (2,187)                      |  | (2,187)           |
| Common Stock Dividends  |                         |                            | (3,000)                      |  | (3,000)           |
| Preferred Stock Dividends   |                         |                            | (240)                        |  | (240)             |
| Other Changes in Common Shareholder's Equity  |                         | 555                        |                              |  | 555               |
| <b>SUBTOTAL – COMMON SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY</b>   |                         |                            |                              |  | <u>400,244</u>    |
| <b>COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>   |                         |                            |                              |  |                   |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>   |                         |                            | 58,950                       |  | 58,950            |
| <b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>   |                         |                            |                              |  | <u>58,950</u>     |
| <b>TOTAL COMMON SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY –<br/>DECEMBER 31, 2007</b>                        | 55,292                  | 133,161                    | 270,741                      | -  | 459,194           |
| Adoption of Guidance for Split-Dollar Life Insurance<br>Accounting, Net of Tax of \$402 |                         |                            | (748)                        |  | (748)             |
| Common Stock Dividends  |                         |                            | (30,000)                     |  | (30,000)          |
| Preferred Stock Dividends   |                         |                            | (240)                        |  | (240)             |
| <b>SUBTOTAL – COMMON SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY</b>   |                         |                            |                              |  | <u>428,206</u>    |
| <b>COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>   |                         |                            |                              |  |                   |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>   |                         |                            | 85,837                       |  | 85,837            |
| <b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>   |                         |                            |                              |  | <u>85,837</u>     |
| <b>TOTAL COMMON SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY –<br/>DECEMBER 31, 2008</b>                        | 55,292                  | 133,161                    | 325,590                      | -  | 514,043           |
| Capital Contribution from Parent  |                         | 35,000                     |                              |  | 35,000            |
| Common Stock Dividends  |                         |                            | (36,000)                     |  | (36,000)          |
| Preferred Stock Dividends   |                         |                            | (240)                        |  | (240)             |
| Gain on Reacquired Preferred Stock  |                         | 6                          |                              |  | 6                 |
| Other Changes in Common Shareholder's Equity  |                         | 3,096                      | (3,096)                      |  | -                 |
| <b>SUBTOTAL – COMMON SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY</b>   |                         |                            |                              |  | <u>512,809</u>    |
| <b>COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>   |                         |                            |                              |  |                   |
| <b>Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Taxes:</b>  |                         |                            |                              |  |                   |
| Cash Flow Hedges, Net of Tax of \$88  |                         |                            |                              | 163  | 163               |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>   |                         |                            | 81,872                       |  | 81,872            |
| <b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>   |                         |                            |                              |  | <u>82,035</u>     |
| <b>TOTAL COMMON SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY –<br/>DECEMBER 31, 2009</b>                        | <u>\$ 55,292</u>        | <u>\$ 171,263</u>          | <u>\$ 368,126</u>            | <u>\$ 163</u>  | <u>\$ 594,844</u> |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**AEP TEXAS CENTRAL COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

**ASSETS**

**December 31, 2009 and 2008**

**(in thousands)**

|  | <b>2009</b>         | <b>2008</b>         |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                            |                     |                     |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents                        | \$ 200              | \$ 203              |
| Other Cash Deposits                              | 180,044             | 172,939             |
| Advances to Affiliates                           | 113,993             | -                   |
| Accounts Receivable:                             |                     |                     |
| Customers  | 63,107              | 61,769              |
| Affiliated Companies                             | 12,234              | 72,642              |
| Accrued Unbilled Revenues                        | 47,017              | 38,575              |
| Miscellaneous                                    | 102                 | 267                 |
| Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts             | (994)               | (567)               |
| Total Accounts Receivable                        | 121,466             | 172,686             |
| Materials and Supplies                           | 26,925              | 28,559              |
| Risk Management Assets                           | 245                 | -                   |
| Prepayments and Other Current Assets             | 4,450               | 10,456              |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>                      | <b>447,323</b>      | <b>384,843</b>      |
| <b>PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>             |                     |                     |
| Electric:  |                     |                     |
| Transmission                                     | 1,088,666           | 1,085,999           |
| Distribution                                     | 1,836,606           | 1,769,485           |
| Other Property, Plant and Equipment              | 229,058             | 231,899             |
| Construction Work in Progress                    | 80,373              | 110,690             |
| <b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b>       | 3,234,703           | 3,198,073           |
| Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization        | 686,371             | 664,375             |
| <b>TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT – NET</b> | <b>2,548,332</b>    | <b>2,533,698</b>    |
| <b>OTHER NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>                   |                     |                     |
| Regulatory Assets                                | 294,354             | 314,029             |
| Securitized Transition Assets                    | 1,896,362           | 2,039,768           |
| Deferred Charges and Other Noncurrent Assets     | 33,167              | 39,863              |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>             | <b>2,223,883</b>    | <b>2,393,660</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                              | <b>\$ 5,219,538</b> | <b>\$ 5,312,201</b> |

*See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.*



**AEP TEXAS CENTRAL COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
**LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**  
**December 31, 2009 and 2008**

|  | <b>2009</b>           | <b>2008</b>         |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                                     | <b>(in thousands)</b> |                     |
| Advances from Affiliates                                       | \$ -                  | \$ 107,293          |
| Accounts Payable:  |                       |                     |
| General  | 16,048                | 22,198              |
| Affiliated Companies   | 17,030                | 19,976              |
| Long-term Debt Due Within One Year – Nonaffiliated             | 147,833               | 137,141             |
| Customer Deposits  | 12,232                | 19,671              |
| Accrued Taxes  | 74,569                | 36,451              |
| Accrued Interest   | 64,102                | 65,674              |
| Provision for SIA Refund                                       | -                     | 33,400              |
| Other Current Liabilities                                      | 37,369                | 54,756              |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                               | <b>369,183</b>        | <b>496,560</b>      |
| <b>NONCURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                                  |                       |                     |
| Long-term Debt – Nonaffiliated                                 | 2,610,133             | 2,657,156           |
| Deferred Income Taxes  | 1,007,166             | 1,043,627           |
| Regulatory Liabilities and Deferred Investment Tax Credits     | 493,562               | 444,134             |
| Deferred Credits and Other Noncurrent Liabilities              | 138,745               | 150,760             |
| <b>TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                            | <b>4,249,606</b>      | <b>4,295,677</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                                       | <b>4,618,789</b>      | <b>4,792,237</b>    |
| Cumulative Preferred Stock Not Subject to Mandatory Redemption | 5,905                 | 5,921               |
| Rate Matters (Note 2)  |                       |                     |
| Commitments and Contingencies (Note 4)                         |                       |                     |
| <b>COMMON SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY</b>                             |                       |                     |
| Common Stock – Par Value – \$25 Per Share:                     |                       |                     |
| Authorized – 12,000,000 Shares                                 |                       |                     |
| Outstanding – 2,211,678 Shares                                 | 55,292                | 55,292              |
| Paid-in Capital  | 171,263               | 133,161             |
| Retained Earnings  | 368,126               | 325,590             |
| Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)                  | 163                   | -                   |
| <b>TOTAL COMMON SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY</b>                       | <b>594,844</b>        | <b>514,043</b>      |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>              | <b>\$ 5,219,538</b>   | <b>\$ 5,312,201</b> |

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**AEP TEXAS CENTRAL COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007**  
(in thousands)

| <b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>   | <b>2009</b>      | <b>2008</b>     | <b>2007</b>     |
|---|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Net Income</b>   | \$ 81,872        | \$ 85,837       | \$ 58,950       |
| <b>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b> |                  |                 |                 |
| Depreciation and Amortization   | 256,718          | 219,309         | 214,470         |
| Deferred Income Taxes   | (59,939)         | 31,824          | (390)           |
| Provision For SIA Refund  | -                | 33,400          | -               |
| Allowance for Equity Funds Used During Construction                                     | (2,113)          | (3,162)         | (3,232)         |
| Fuel Over/Under-Recovery, Net   | -                | (1,125)         | (163,516)       |
| Deferral of Storm Costs   | 1,300            | (20,648)        | -               |
| Securitized Transition Assets   | -                | (60,720)        | (61,164)        |
| Change in Other Noncurrent Assets   | 5,478            | (8,288)         | (7,221)         |
| Change in Other Noncurrent Liabilities  | 1,764            | 1,755           | 5,141           |
| <b>Changes in Certain Components of Working Capital:</b>                                |                  |                 |                 |
| Accounts Receivable, Net  | 51,220           | (79,062)        | (43,751)        |
| Fuel, Materials and Supplies  | 1,634            | (935)           | 358             |
| Accounts Payable  | (4,049)          | (4,796)         | 1,244           |
| Customer Deposits   | (7,439)          | (36,068)        | 36,998          |
| Accrued Taxes, Net  | 38,419           | (1,872)         | (36,157)        |
| Accrued Interest  | (2,399)          | (3,921)         | 22,989          |
| Revenue Refunds Accrued   | -                | (23,653)        | 19,750          |
| Other Current Assets  | (915)            | (403)           | 2,125           |
| Other Current Liabilities   | (12,475)         | 4,823           | (4,345)         |
| <b>Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>   | <b>349,076</b>   | <b>132,295</b>  | <b>42,249</b>   |
| <b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>   |                  |                 |                 |
| Construction Expenditures   | (175,712)        | (267,174)       | (221,898)       |
| Change in Other Cash Deposits   | (7,105)          | 19,786          | (66,972)        |
| Change in Advances to Affiliates, Net   | (113,993)        | 180,926         | 213,078         |
| Acquisitions of Assets  | (3,821)          | (1,476)         | -               |
| Proceeds from Sale of Assets  | 97,550           | 5,081           | 116,292         |
| Other Investing Activities  | -                | -               | 2               |
| <b>Net Cash Flows from (Used for) Investing Activities</b>                              | <b>(203,081)</b> | <b>(62,857)</b> | <b>40,502</b>   |
| <b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>   |                  |                 |                 |
| Capital Contribution from Parent  | 35,000           | -               | -               |
| Issuance of Long-term Debt – Nonaffiliated  | 99,745           | 159,288         | 5,264           |
| Change in Advances from Affiliates, Net   | (107,293)        | 107,293         | -               |
| Retirement of Long-term Debt – Nonaffiliated  | (137,141)        | (304,574)       | (84,557)        |
| Retirement of Cumulative Preferred Stock  | (11)             | -               | -               |
| Principal Payments for Capital Lease Obligations  | (1,426)          | (1,614)         | (1,451)         |
| Dividends Paid on Common Stock  | (36,000)         | (30,000)        | (3,000)         |
| Dividends Paid on Cumulative Preferred Stock  | (240)            | (240)           | (240)           |
| Other Financing Activities  | 1,368            | 511             | 555             |
| <b>Net Cash Flows Used for Financing Activities</b>                                     | <b>(145,998)</b> | <b>(69,336)</b> | <b>(83,429)</b> |
| <b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>                             | <b>(3)</b>       | <b>102</b>      | <b>(678)</b>    |
| <b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period</b>                                 | <b>203</b>       | <b>101</b>      | <b>779</b>      |
| <b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period</b>                                       | <b>\$ 200</b>    | <b>\$ 203</b>   | <b>\$ 101</b>   |
| <b>SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION</b>  |                  |                 |                 |
| Cash Paid for Interest, Net of Capitalized Amounts                                      | \$ 160,847       | \$ 157,531      | \$ 133,967      |
| Net Cash Paid for Income Taxes  | 55,348           | 19,227          | 52,159          |
| Noncash Acquisitions Under Capital Leases   | 1,877            | 1,155           | 948             |
| Construction Expenditures Included in Accounts Payable at December 31,                  | 6,664            | 11,711          | 9,591           |
| SIA Refund Included in Accounts Receivable at December 31,                              | -                | 68,055          | -               |
| Cash Paid for CTC Refunds   | -                | 74,911          | 238,061         |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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## **1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **ORGANIZATION**

As a public utility, TCC engages in the transmission and distribution of electric power to 766,000 retail customers through REPs in its service territory in southern and central Texas. TCC consolidates AEP Texas Central Transition Funding LLC and AEP Texas Central Transition Funding II LLC, its wholly-owned subsidiaries.

### **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### ***Rates and Service Regulation***

TCC's transmission and distribution rates are regulated by the PUCT. The FERC regulates TCC's affiliated transactions, including AEPSC intercompany service billings which are generally at cost, under the 2005 Public Utility Holding Company Act and the Federal Power Act. The FERC also has jurisdiction over the issuances and acquisitions of securities of the public utility subsidiaries, the acquisition or sale of certain utility assets and mergers with another electric utility or holding company. For non-power goods and services, the FERC requires that a nonregulated affiliate can bill an affiliated public utility company no more than market while a public utility must bill the higher of cost or market to a nonregulated affiliate.

The PUCT also regulates TCC's wholesale transmission operations and rates. The FERC claims jurisdiction over retail transmission rates when retail rates are unbundled in connection with restructuring. TCC's retail transmission rates in Texas are unbundled. Although TCC's retail transmission rates in Texas are unbundled, retail transmission rates are regulated, on a cost basis, by the PUCT.

In addition, the FERC regulates the SIA, the CSW Operating Agreement, the System Transmission Integration Agreement and the Transmission Coordination Agreement, all of which allocate shared system costs and revenues to the utility subsidiaries that are parties to each agreement.

Both the FERC and state regulatory commissions are permitted to review and audit the books and records of any company within a public utility holding company system.

#### ***Principles of Consolidation***

TCC's consolidated financial statements include TCC and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. Intercompany items are eliminated in consolidation. See "Variable Interest Entities" section of Note 13.

#### ***Accounting for the Effects of Cost-Based Regulation***

As a rate-regulated electric public utility company, TCC's financial statements reflect the actions of regulators that result in the recognition of certain revenues and expenses in different time periods than enterprises that are not rate-regulated. In accordance with accounting guidance for "Regulated Operations," TCC records regulatory assets (deferred expenses) and regulatory liabilities (future revenue reductions or refunds) to reflect the economic effects of regulation by matching expenses with their recovery through regulated revenues and income with its passage to customers through the reduction of regulated revenues.

#### ***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. These estimates include, but are not limited to, inventory valuation, allowance for doubtful accounts, long-lived asset impairment, unbilled electricity revenue, valuation of long-term energy contracts, the effects of regulation, long-lived asset recovery, the effects of contingencies and certain assumptions made in accounting for pension and postretirement benefits. The estimates and assumptions used are based upon management's evaluation of the relevant facts and circumstances as of the date of the financial statements. Actual results could ultimately differ from those estimates.

### ***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

Cash and Cash Equivalents include temporary cash investments with original maturities of three months or less.

### ***Other Cash Deposits***

Other Cash Deposits include funds held by trustees primarily for the payment of securitization bonds and to secure the payments of the REPs.

### ***Inventory***

Materials and supplies inventories are carried at average cost.

### ***Accounts Receivable***

Customer accounts receivable primarily include receivables from wholesale and retail customers and customer receivables primarily related to other revenue-generating activities.

Revenue is recognized when power is delivered. To the extent that deliveries have occurred but a bill has not been issued, TCC accrues and recognizes, as Accrued Unbilled Revenues, an estimate of the revenues for deliveries since the last billing.

### ***Concentrations of Credit Risk and Significant Customers***

TCC has significant customers which on a combined basis account for the following percentages of total Operating Revenues for the periods ended and Accounts Receivable – Customers as of December 31:

| <b>Significant Customers of TCC:</b>           |             |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Centrica and Reliant Energy (2009 only)</b> | <b>2009</b> | <b>2008</b> | <b>2007</b> |
| Percentage of Operating Revenues               | 45%         | 23%         | 23%         |
| Percentage of Accounts Receivable - Customers  | 37%         | 21%         | 29%         |

TCC monitors credit levels and the financial condition of its customers on a continuing basis to minimize credit risk. The PUCT allows recovery in rates for a reasonable level of bad debt costs. Management believes adequate provision for credit loss has been made in the accompanying financial statements.

### ***Property, Plant and Equipment***

Electric utility property, plant and equipment are stated at original purchase cost. Additions, major replacements and betterments are added to the plant accounts. Normal and routine retirements from the plant accounts, net of salvage, are charged to accumulated depreciation under the group composite method of depreciation. The group composite method of depreciation assumes that on average, asset components are retired at the end of their useful lives and thus there is no gain or loss. The equipment in each primary electric plant account is identified as a separate group. Under the group composite method of depreciation, continuous interim routine replacements of items such as poles, transformers, etc. result in the original cost, less salvage, being charged to accumulated depreciation. These rates and the related lives are subject to periodic review. Removal costs are charged to regulatory liabilities. The costs of labor, materials and overhead incurred to operate and maintain the facilities are included in operating expenses.

Long-lived assets are required to be tested for impairment when it is determined that the carrying value of the assets may no longer be recoverable or when the assets meet the held for sale criteria under the accounting guidance for "Impairment or Disposal of Long-lived Assets."

The fair value of an asset or investment is the amount at which that asset or investment could be bought or sold in a current transaction between willing parties, as opposed to a forced or liquidation sale. Quoted market prices in active markets are the best evidence of fair value and are used as the basis for the measurement, if available. In the absence of quoted prices for identical or similar assets or investments in active markets, fair value is estimated using various internal and external valuation methods including cash flow analysis and appraisals.

### ***Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC)***

AFUDC represents the estimated cost of borrowed and equity funds used to finance construction projects that is capitalized and recovered through depreciation over the service life of regulated electric utility plant.

### ***Valuation of Nonderivative Financial Instruments***

The book values of Cash and Cash Equivalents, Other Cash Deposits, Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable approximate fair value because of the short-term maturity of these instruments.

### ***Fair Value Measurements of Assets and Liabilities***

The accounting guidance for “Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures” establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurement). Where observable inputs are available for substantially the full term of the asset or liability, the instrument is categorized in Level 2. When quoted market prices are not available, pricing may be completed using comparable securities, dealer values, operating data and general market conditions to determine fair value. Valuation models utilize various inputs that include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets, market corroborated inputs (i.e. inputs derived principally from, or correlated to, observable market data) and other observable inputs for the asset or liability.

For commercial activities, exchange traded derivatives, namely futures contracts, are generally fair valued based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets and are classified as Level 1. Level 2 inputs primarily consist of OTC broker quotes in moderately active or less active markets, as well as exchange traded contracts where there is insufficient market liquidity to warrant inclusion in Level 1. Management verifies price curves using these broker quotes and classifies these fair values within Level 2 when substantially all of the fair value can be corroborated. Management typically obtains multiple broker quotes, which are non-binding in nature, but are based on recent trades in the marketplace. When multiple broker quotes are obtained, the quoted bid and ask prices are averaged. In certain circumstances, a broker quote may be discarded if it is a clear outlier. Management uses a historical correlation analysis between the broker quoted location and the illiquid locations and if the points are highly correlated, these locations are included within Level 2 as well. Certain OTC and bilaterally executed derivative instruments are executed in less active markets with a lower availability of pricing information. Long-dated and illiquid complex or structured transactions and FTRs can introduce the need for internally developed modeling inputs based upon extrapolations and assumptions of observable market data to estimate fair value. When such inputs have a significant impact on the measurement of fair value, the instrument is categorized as Level 3.

AEP utilizes its trustee’s external pricing service to estimate the fair value of the underlying investments held in the benefit plan trusts. AEP’s investment managers review and validate the prices utilized by the trustee to determine fair value. AEP’s investment managers perform their own valuation testing to verify the fair values of the securities. AEP receives audit reports of the trustee’s operating controls and valuation processes. The trustee uses multiple pricing vendors for the assets held in the plans. Equities are classified as Level 1 holdings if they are actively traded on exchanges. Fixed income securities do not trade on an exchange and do not have an official closing price. Pricing vendors calculate bond valuations using financial models and matrices. Fixed income securities are typically classified as Level 2 holdings because their valuation inputs are based on observable market data. Observable inputs used for valuing fixed income securities are benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers, reference data, and economic events. Other securities with model-derived valuation inputs that are observable are also classified as Level 2 investments. Investments with unobservable valuation inputs are classified as Level 3 investments. Benefit plan assets included in Level 3 are real estate and private equity investments that are valued using methods requiring judgment including appraisals.

## ***Revenue Recognition***

### ***Regulatory Accounting***

TCC's financial statements reflect the actions of regulators that can result in the recognition of revenues and expenses in different time periods than enterprises that are not rate-regulated. Regulatory assets (deferred expenses) and regulatory liabilities (deferred revenue reductions or refunds) are recorded to reflect the economic effects of regulation in the same accounting period by matching expenses with their recovery through regulated revenues and by matching income with its passage to customers in cost-based regulated rates.

When regulatory assets are probable of recovery through regulated rates, TCC records them as assets on its balance sheet. TCC tests for probability of recovery at each balance sheet date or whenever new events occur. Examples of new events include the issuance of a regulatory commission order or passage of new legislation. If it is determined that recovery of a regulatory asset is no longer probable, TCC writes off that regulatory asset as a charge against income.

### ***Traditional Electricity Supply and Delivery Activities***

TCC recognizes revenues from electricity transmission and distribution delivery services. TCC recognizes the revenues in the financial statements upon delivery of the energy to the customer and includes unbilled as well as billed amounts. TCC records third party purchases as non-trading and these purchases are accounted for on a gross basis as Purchased Electricity for Resale in the Consolidated Statements of Income.

### ***Energy Marketing and Risk Management Activities***

Prior to TCC's FERC-approved removal from the SIA and CSW Operating Agreement, effective April 1, and May 1, 2006 respectively, AEPSC, on behalf of TCC, engaged in wholesale electricity, natural gas, coal and emission allowances marketing and risk management activities focused on wholesale markets where the AEP System owns assets and adjacent markets. These activities included the purchase and sale of energy under forward contracts at fixed and variable prices and the buying and selling of financial energy contracts which included exchange traded futures and options, and over-the-counter options and swaps. Certain energy marketing and risk management transactions were with RTOs.

TCC recognized revenues and expenses from wholesale marketing and risk management transactions that were not derivatives upon delivery of the commodity. TCC used MTM accounting for wholesale marketing and risk management transactions that were derivatives unless the derivative was designated in a qualifying cash flow hedge relationship or a normal purchase or sale. TCC recorded the unrealized and realized gains and losses on wholesale marketing and risk management transactions accounted for using MTM in Revenues in the Consolidated Statements of Income on a net basis.

Certain qualifying wholesale marketing and risk management derivative transactions were designated as hedges of future cash flows as a result of forecasted transactions (cash flow hedge). TCC initially recorded the effective portion of the cash flow hedge's gain or loss as a component of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss). When the forecasted transaction was realized and affected earnings, TCC subsequently reclassified the gain or loss on the hedge from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income into revenues or expenses on its Consolidated Statements of Income, within the same financial statement line item as the forecasted transaction. The ineffective portion of the gain or loss was recognized in revenues in the financial statements immediately.

### ***Maintenance***

Maintenance costs are expensed as incurred. If it becomes probable that TCC will recover specifically-incurred costs through future rates, a regulatory asset is established to match the expensing of those maintenance costs with their recovery in cost-based regulated revenues. Damages caused by hurricanes in excess of \$500,000 per storm are deferred and recovered in rates.

### ***Income Taxes and Investment Tax Credits***

TCC uses the liability method of accounting for income taxes. Under the liability method, deferred income taxes are provided for all temporary differences between the book and tax basis of assets and liabilities which will result in a future tax consequence.

When the flow-through method of accounting for temporary differences is reflected in regulated revenues (that is, when deferred taxes are not included in the cost of service for determining regulated rates for electricity), deferred income taxes are recorded and related regulatory assets and liabilities are established to match the regulated revenues and tax expense.

Investment tax credits are accounted for under the deferral basis and are being amortized over the life of the plant investment.

TCC accounts for uncertain tax positions in accordance with the accounting guidance for "Income Taxes." TCC classifies interest expense or income related to uncertain tax positions as interest expense or income as appropriate and classifies penalties as Other Operation.

### ***Excise Taxes***

As an agent for some state and local governments, TCC collects from customers certain excise taxes levied by those state or local governments on customers. TCC does not record these taxes as revenue or expense.

### ***Debt and Preferred Stock***

Gains and losses from the reacquisition of debt used to finance regulated electric utility plants are deferred and amortized over the remaining term of the reacquired debt in accordance with their rate-making treatment unless the debt is refinanced. If the reacquired debt is refinanced, the reacquisition costs are generally deferred and amortized over the term of the replacement debt consistent with its recovery in rates.

Debt discount or premium and debt issuance expenses are deferred and amortized generally utilizing the straight-line method over the term of the related debt. The straight-line method approximates the effective interest method and is consistent with the treatment in rates for regulated operations. The net amortization expense is included in Interest Expense.

The excess of par value over costs of preferred stock reacquired is credited to paid-in capital and reclassified to retained earnings upon the redemption of the entire preferred stock series.

### ***Investments Held in Trust for Future Liabilities***

AEP has several trust funds with significant investments intended to provide for future payments of pension and OPEB benefits. All of the trust funds' investments are diversified and managed in compliance with all laws and regulations. The investment strategy for trust funds is to use a diversified portfolio of investments to achieve an acceptable rate of return while managing the interest rate sensitivity of the assets relative to the associated liabilities. To minimize investment risk, the trust funds are broadly diversified among classes of assets, investment strategies and investment managers. Management regularly reviews the actual asset allocation and periodically rebalance the investments to targeted allocation when appropriate. Investment policies and guidelines allow investment managers in approved strategies to use financial derivatives to obtain or manage market exposures and to hedge assets and liabilities. The investments are reported at fair value under the "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures" accounting guidance.



## Benefit Plans

All benefit plan assets are invested in accordance with each plan's investment policy. The investment policy outlines the investment objectives, strategies and target asset allocations by plan.

The investment philosophies for AEP's benefit plans support the allocation of assets to minimize risks and optimizing net returns. Strategies used include:

- Maintaining a long-term investment horizon.
- Diversifying assets to help control volatility of returns at acceptable level.
- Managing fees, transaction costs and tax liabilities to maximize investment earnings.
- Using active management of investments where appropriate risk/return opportunities exist.
- Keeping portfolio structure style-neutral to limit volatility compared to applicable benchmarks.
- Using alternative asset classes such as real estate and private equity to maximize return and provide additional portfolio diversification.

The target asset allocation and allocation ranges are as follows:

| <u>Pension Plan Assets</u>      | <u>Minimum</u> | <u>Target</u> | <u>Maximum</u> |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Domestic Equity                 | 30.0%          | 35.0%         | 40.0%          |
| International and Global Equity | 10.0%          | 15.0%         | 20.0%          |
| Fixed Income                    | 35.0%          | 39.0%         | 45.0%          |
| Real Estate                     | 4.0%           | 5.0%          | 6.0%           |
| Other Investments               | 1.0%           | 5.0%          | 7.0%           |
| Cash                            | 0.5%           | 1.0%          | 3.0%           |
| <u>OPEB Plans Assets</u>        | <u>Minimum</u> | <u>Target</u> | <u>Maximum</u> |
| Equity                          | 61.0%          | 66.0%         | 71.0%          |
| Fixed Income                    | 29.0%          | 33.0%         | 37.0%          |
| Cash                            | 1.0%           | 1.0%          | 4.0%           |

The investment policy for each benefit plan contains various investment limitations. The investment policies establish concentration limits for securities. Investment policies prohibit the benefit trust funds from purchasing securities issued by AEP (with the exception of proportionate and immaterial holdings of AEP securities in passive index strategies). However, the investment policies do not preclude the benefit trust funds from receiving contributions in the form of AEP securities, provided that the AEP securities acquired by each plan may not exceed the limitations imposed by law. Each investment manager's portfolio is compared to a diversified benchmark index.

For equity investments, the limits are as follows:

- No security in excess of 5% of all equities.
- Cash equivalents must be less than 10% of an investment manager's equity portfolio.
- Individual stock must be less than 10% of each manager's equity portfolio.
- No investment in excess of 5% of an outstanding class of any company.
- No securities may be bought or sold on margin or other use of leverage.

For fixed income investments, the concentration limits must not exceed:

- 3% in one issuer
- 20% in non-US dollar denominated
- 5% private placements
- 5% convertible securities
- 60% for bonds rated AA+ or lower
- 50% for bonds rated A+ or lower
- 10% for bonds rated BBB- or lower

For obligations of non-government issuers the following limitations apply:

- AAA rated debt: a single issuer should account for no more than 5% of the portfolio.
- AA+, AA, AA- rated debt: a single issuer should account for no more than 3% of the portfolio.
- Debt rated A+ or lower: a single issuer should account for no more than 2% of the portfolio.
- No more than 10% of the portfolio may be invested in high yield and emerging market debt combined at any time.

A portion of the pension assets is invested in real estate funds to provide diversification, add return, and hedge against inflation. Real estate properties are illiquid, difficult to value, and not actively traded. The pension plan uses external real estate investment managers to invest in commingled funds that hold real estate properties. To mitigate investment risk in the real estate portfolio, commingled real estate funds are used to ensure that holdings are diversified by region, property type, and risk classification. Real estate holdings include core, value-added, and development risk classifications and some investments in Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), which are publicly traded real estate securities classified as Level 1.

A portion of the pension assets is invested in private equity. Private equity investments add return and provide diversification and typically require a long-term time horizon to evaluate investment performance. Private equity is classified as an alternative investment because it is illiquid, difficult to value, and not actively traded. The pension plan uses limited partnerships and commingled funds to invest across the private equity investment spectrum. The private equity holdings are with six general partners who help monitor the investments and provide investment selection expertise. The holdings are currently comprised of venture capital, buyout, and hybrid debt and equity investment instruments. Commingled private equity funds are used to enhance the holdings' diversity.

AEP participates in a securities lending program with BNY Mellon to provide incremental income on idle assets and to provide income to offset custody fees and other administrative expenses. AEP lends securities to borrowers approved by BNY Mellon in exchange for cash collateral. All loans are collateralized by at least 102% of the loaned asset's market value and the cash collateral is invested. The difference between the rebate owed to the borrower and the cash collateral rate of return determines the earnings on the loaned security. The securities lending program's objective is providing modest incremental income with a limited increase in risk.

Trust owned life insurance (TOLI) underwritten by The Prudential Insurance Company is held in the OPEB plan trusts. The strategy for holding life insurance contracts in the taxable VEBA trust is to minimize taxes paid on the asset growth in the trust. Earnings on plan assets are tax-deferred within the TOLI contract and can be tax-free if held until claims are paid. Life insurance proceeds remain in the trust and are used to fund future retiree medical benefit liabilities. With consideration to other investments held in the trust, the cash value of the TOLI contracts is invested in two diversified funds. A portion is invested in a commingled fund with underlying investments in stocks that are actively traded on major international equity exchanges. The other portion of the TOLI cash value is invested in a diversified, commingled fixed income fund with underlying investments in government bonds, corporate bonds and asset-backed securities.

Cash and cash equivalents are held in each trust to provide liquidity and meet short-term cash needs. Cash equivalent funds are used to provide diversification and preserve principal. The underlying holdings in the cash funds are investment grade money market instruments including commercial paper, certificates of deposit, treasury bills and other types of investment grade short-term debt securities. The cash funds are valued each business day and provide daily liquidity.

### ***Comprehensive Income (Loss)***

Comprehensive income (loss) is defined as the change in equity (net assets) of a business enterprise during a period from transactions and other events and circumstances from nonowner sources. It includes all changes in equity during a period except those resulting from investments by owners and distributions to owners. Comprehensive income (loss) has two components: net income (loss) and other comprehensive income (loss).

### ***Components of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) (AOCI)***

AOCI is included on the balance sheets in the common shareholder's equity section. AOCI for TCC as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 is shown in the following table:

| <u>Components</u>            | <u>December 31,</u>   |             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
|                              | <u>2009</u>           | <u>2008</u> |
|                              | <b>(in thousands)</b> |             |
| Cash Flow Hedges, Net of Tax | \$ 163                | \$ -        |

### ***Earnings Per Share (EPS)***

TCC is owned by a wholly-owned subsidiary of AEP. Therefore, TCC is not required to report EPS.

### ***Subsequent Events***

Management reviewed subsequent events through February 26, 2010, the date that TCC's 2009 annual report was issued.

## **2. RATE MATTERS**

TCC is involved in rate and regulatory proceedings at the FERC and the PUCT. Rate matters can have a material effect on financial condition, net income and cash flows. TCC's recent significant rate orders are addressed in this note.

### **TEXAS RESTRUCTURING**

#### ***Texas Restructuring Appeals***

Pursuant to PUCT restructuring orders, TCC securitized net recoverable stranded generation costs of \$2.5 billion and is recovering the principal and interest on the securitization bonds through the end of 2020. TCC also refunded other net true-up regulatory liabilities of \$375 million during the period October 2006 through June 2008 via a CTC credit rate rider under PUCT restructuring orders. TCC and intervenors appealed the PUCT's true-up related orders. After a ruling from the Texas District Court and the Texas Court of Appeals, TCC, the PUCT and intervenors filed petitions for review with the Texas Supreme Court. Review is discretionary and the Texas Supreme Court has not yet determined if it will grant review. The Texas Supreme Court requested a full briefing of the proceedings which have concluded. The following represent issues where either the Texas District Court or the Texas Court of Appeals recommended the PUCT decision be modified:

- The Texas District Court judge determined that the PUCT erred by applying an invalid rule to determine the carrying cost rate for the true-up of stranded costs. The Texas Court of Appeals reversed the District Court's unfavorable decision.
- The Texas District Court judge determined that the PUCT improperly reduced TCC's net stranded plant costs for commercial unreasonableness. This favorable decision was affirmed by the Texas Court of Appeals.
- The Texas Court of Appeals determined that the PUCT erred by not reducing stranded costs by the "excess earnings" that had already been refunded to affiliated REPs. This decision could be unfavorable unless the PUCT allows TCC to recover the refunds previously made to the REPs. See the "TCC Excess Earnings" section below.

Other matters related to the Texas restructuring appeals are:

- TCC's final fuel reconciliations under the restructuring legislation have been appealed by TCC and other parties to the Texas Supreme Court. In January 2010, the Texas Supreme Court declined to review the TCC fuel appeals.

Management cannot predict the outcome of the pending court proceedings and the PUCT remand decisions. If TCC ultimately succeed in its appeals, it could have a favorable effect on future net income, cash flows and possibly financial condition. If intervenors succeed in their appeals, it could reduce future net income, cash flows and possibly financial condition.

### ***TCC Deferred Investment Tax Credits and Excess Deferred Federal Income Taxes***

In 2006, the PUCT reduced recovery of the amount securitized by \$103 million of tax benefits and associated carrying costs related to TCC's generation assets. In 2006, TCC obtained a private letter ruling from the IRS which confirmed that such reduction was an IRS normalization violation. In order to avoid a normalization violation, the PUCT agreed to allow TCC to defer refunding the tax benefits of \$103 million plus interest through the CTC refund period pending resolution of the normalization issue. If accrued, management estimates interest expense would have been approximately \$13 million higher for the period July 2008 through December 2009. In 2008, the IRS issued final regulations, which supported the IRS' private letter ruling which would make the refunding of or the reduction of the amount securitized by such tax benefits a normalization violation. After the IRS issued its final regulations, at the request of the PUCT, the Texas Court of Appeals remanded the tax normalization issue to the PUCT for the consideration of additional evidence including the IRS regulations.

Management believes that the PUCT will ultimately allow TCC to retain the deferred amounts, which would have a favorable effect on future net income and cash flows. Although unexpected, if the PUCT fails to issue a favorable order and orders TCC to return the tax benefits to customers, the normalization violation could result in TCC's repayment to the IRS of Accumulated Deferred Investment Tax Credits (ADITC) on all property, including transmission and distribution property. This amount approximates \$102 million as of December 31, 2009. It could also lead to a loss of TCC's right to claim accelerated tax depreciation in future tax returns. If TCC is required to repay its ADITC to the IRS and is also required to refund ADITC plus unaccrued interest to customers, it would reduce future net income and cash flows.

### ***TCC Excess Earnings***

In 2005, a Texas appellate court issued a decision finding that a PUCT order requiring TCC to refund to the REPs excess earnings prior to and outside of the true-up process was unlawful under the Texas Restructuring Legislation. From 2002 to 2005, TCC refunded \$55 million of excess earnings, including interest, under the overturned PUCT order. On remand, the PUCT must determine how to implement the Court of Appeals decision given that the unauthorized refunds were made to the REPs in lieu of reducing stranded costs in the true-up proceeding.

In 2005, TCC reflected the obligation to refund excess earnings to customers through the true-up process and recorded a regulatory asset of \$55 million representing a receivable from the REPs for the refunds made to them by TCC. However, certain parties have taken positions that, if adopted, could result in TCC being required to refund excess earnings and interest through the true-up process without receiving a refund from the REPs. If this were to occur, it would reduce future net income and cash flows. Management cannot predict the outcome of the excess earnings remand.

## **OTHER TEXAS RATE MATTERS**

### ***Texas Base Rate Appeal***

TCC filed a base rate case in 2006 seeking to increase base rates. The PUCT issued an order in 2007 which increased TCC's base rates by \$20 million, eliminated a merger credit rider of \$20 million and reduced depreciation rates by \$7 million. The PUCT decision was appealed by TCC and various intervenors. On appeal, the Texas District Court affirmed the PUCT in most respects. The Texas District Court also ruled that the PUCT improperly denied TCC an AFUDC return on the prepaid pension asset that the PUCT ruled to be CWIP. The AFUDC return on the prepaid pension ruling has not been appealed. Various intervenors appealed the District Court's affirmation of the PUCT decision to the Texas Court of Appeals. Management is unable to predict the outcome of these proceedings. If the intervenor appeals are successful, it could reduce future net income and cash flows.

## ***ETT 2007 Formation Appeal***

ETT is a joint venture between AEP and MidAmerican Energy Holding Company Texas Transco, LLC. TCC has sold transmission assets both in service and under construction to ETT. The PUCT approved ETT's initial rates, a request for a transfer of in-service assets and CWIP and a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) to operate as a stand alone transmission utility in ERCOT. ETT was allowed a 9.96% return on equity. Intervenors appealed the PUCT's decision to the Travis County District Court. The court ruled that the PUCT exceeded its authority by approving ETT's application as a stand alone transmission utility without a service area under the wrong section of the statute. Management believes that ruling is incorrect. Moreover, ETT provided evidence in its application that ETT complied with what the court determined was the proper section of the statute. ETT and the PUCT filed appeals to the Texas Court of Appeals.

In a separate development, the Texas governor signed a new law that clarifies the PUCT's authority to grant CCNs to transmission only utilities such as ETT. ETT filed an application with the PUCT for a CCN under the new law for the purpose of confirming its authority to operate as a transmission only utility regardless of the outcome of the pending litigation. All parties to the litigation pending at the Texas Court of Appeals have stipulated agreement or indicated they are not opposed to ETT's request. A decision from the PUCT is expected in the first quarter of 2010.

As of December 31, 2009, ETT's investment in property, plant and equipment was \$272 million, of which \$133 million was under construction. Depending upon the result of ETT's CCN filing under the new law and the ultimate outcome of the appeals concerning the original CCN filing and any resulting remands, TCC may be required to reacquire assets and projects under construction previously transferred to ETT by TCC. TCC would not be required to acquire the competitive renewable-energy zones projects. If TCC is required to reacquire these assets and projects, it could impact cash flows and financial condition.

## ***Advanced Metering System***

The governor of Texas signed legislation directing the PUCT to establish a surcharge for electric utilities relating to advanced meters. TCC filed its Advanced Metering System (AMS) with the PUCT proposing to invest approximately \$223 million in AMS to be recovered through customer surcharges. In the filing, TCC proposed to apply a portion of the SIA recorded customer refunds including interest to reduce the AMS investment and the resultant associated customer surcharge. See "Allocation of Off-system Sales Margins" section within "FERC Rate Matters." As of December 31, 2009, TCC has \$6 million of capital expenditures, including AFUDC, recorded on its balance sheet.

In December 2009, the PUCT approved an uncontested settlement agreement. The settlement agreement includes a four-year plan for installation of smart meters and an 11-year customer surcharge to recover the costs associated with the installations. The customer surcharge will be reduced by the SIA customer refunds. Starting in January 2010, TCC started collecting the surcharge from customers. The customer surcharge is subject to reconciliation and review by the PUCT. If the PUCT's reconciliation and review requires TCC to make a refund, it could have an adverse effect on future net income and cash flows.

## **FERC RATE MATTERS**

### ***Allocation of Off-system Sales Margins***

The OCC filed a complaint at the FERC alleging that AEP inappropriately allocated off-system sales margins between the AEP East companies and the AEP West companies and did not properly allocate off-system sales margins within the AEP West companies.

In 2008, the FERC issued a final order concluding that AEP inappropriately deviated from off-system sales margin allocation methods in the SIA and the CSW Operating Agreement for the period June 2000 through March 2006. The FERC ordered AEP to recalculate and reallocate the off-system sales margins in compliance with the SIA and to have the AEP East companies issue refunds to the AEP West companies. Although the FERC determined that AEP deviated from the CSW Operating Agreement, the FERC determined the allocation methodology was reasonable. The FERC ordered AEP to submit a revised CSW Operating Agreement for the period June 2000 to March 2006. AEP filed a motion for rehearing and a revised CSW Operating Agreement for the period June 2000 to March 2006. In February 2010, the FERC denied AEP's motion for rehearing.

In 2009, AEP made a compliance filing with the FERC and the AEP East companies refunded approximately \$250 million to the AEP West companies. Following authorized regulatory treatment, the AEP West companies shared a portion of SIA margins with their customers during the period June 2000 to March 2006. In 2008, the AEP West companies recorded a provision for refund reflecting the sharing.

TCC filed its Advanced Metering System (AMS) with the PUCT proposing to invest in AMS to be recovered through customer surcharges. In the filing, TCC proposed to apply a portion of the SIA recorded customer refunds including interest to reduce the AMS investment and the resultant associated customer surcharge. Customers that are not subject to the AMS surcharge will receive refunds. In December 2009, the PUCT approved an uncontested settlement agreement which authorized certain refunds and AMS surcharge reductions. In 2010, TCC refunded \$13 million to customers that are not subject to the AMS. The remaining \$21 million provision as of December 31, 2009 for TCC will be utilized to reduce the AMS surcharge. See the “Advanced Metering System” section above.

Management cannot predict if there will be any future state regulatory proceedings but believes the AEP West companies’ provision for refund regarding related future state regulatory proceedings is adequate.

### 3. EFFECTS OF REGULATION

Regulatory assets and liabilities are comprised of the following items:

|  | December 31,<br>2009 | 2008              | Remaining<br>Recovery Period |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Regulatory Assets:   | (in thousands)       |                   |                              |
| <b><u>Noncurrent Regulatory Assets</u></b>   |                      |                   |                              |
| <b>Regulatory assets not yet being recovered. Recovery method and timing to be determined in future proceedings:</b> |                      |                   |                              |
| <u>Regulatory Assets Currently Earning a Return</u>  |                      |                   |                              |
| Storm Related Costs (a)  | \$ 21,697            | \$ 22,997         |                              |
| <b>Total Regulatory Assets Not Yet Being Recovered</b>   | <b>21,697</b>        | <b>22,997</b>     |                              |
| <b>Regulatory assets being recovered:</b>  |                      |                   |                              |
| <u>Regulatory Assets Currently Earning a Return</u>  |                      |                   |                              |
| Unamortized Loss on Reacquired Debt  | 19,137               | 20,999            | 27 years                     |
| <u>Regulatory Assets Currently Not Earning a Return</u>  |                      |                   |                              |
| Pension and OPEB Funded Status   | 227,178              | 231,976           | 10 to 14 years               |
| Restructuring Transition Costs   | 20,558               | 29,534            | 6 years                      |
| <b>Total Regulatory Assets Being Recovered</b>   | <b>266,873</b>       | <b>282,509</b>    |                              |
| <b>Other</b>   | <b>5,784</b>         | <b>8,523</b>      | various                      |
| <b>Total Noncurrent Regulatory Assets</b>  | <b>\$ 294,354</b>    | <b>\$ 314,029</b> |                              |

(a) Authorization to establish regulatory asset received from the PUCT.

| Regulatory Liabilities:  | December 31,      |                   | Remaining<br>Refund Period |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
|  | 2009              | 2008              |                            |
|  | (in thousands)    |                   |                            |
| <b>Noncurrent Regulatory Liabilities and<br/>Deferred Investment Tax Credits</b>       |                   |                   |                            |
| <b>Regulatory liabilities being paid:</b>  |                   |                   |                            |
| <u>Regulatory Liabilities Currently Paying a Return</u>                                |                   |                   |                            |
| Asset Removal Costs  | \$ 275,174        | \$ 261,347        | (a)                        |
| Metering Infrastructure Surcharge  | 21,211            | -                 | 11 years                   |
| <u>Regulatory Liabilities Currently Not Paying a Return</u>                            |                   |                   |                            |
| Deferred Investment Tax Credits  | 102,028           | 102,841           | 53 years                   |
| Income Taxes, Net  | 56,307            | 58,906            | 32 years                   |
| Over-recovery of Transition Charges  | 37,537            | 19,754            | 10 years                   |
| <b>Regulatory Liabilities Being Paid</b>   | <u>492,257</u>    | <u>442,848</u>    |                            |
| <b>Other</b>   | <u>1,305</u>      | <u>1,286</u>      | various                    |
| <b>Total Noncurrent Regulatory Liabilities and Deferred<br/>Investment Tax Credits</b> | <u>\$ 493,562</u> | <u>\$ 444,134</u> |                            |

(a) Relieved as removal costs are incurred.

#### 4. COMMITMENTS, GUARANTEES AND CONTINGENCIES

TCC is subject to certain claims and legal actions arising in its ordinary course of business. In addition, TCC's business activities are subject to extensive governmental regulation related to public health and the environment. The ultimate outcome of such pending or potential litigation cannot be predicted. For current proceedings not specifically discussed below, management does not anticipate that the liabilities, if any, arising from such proceedings would have a material adverse effect on the financial statements.

##### COMMITMENTS

TCC has substantial construction commitments to support its operations and environmental investments. In managing the overall construction program and in the normal course of business, TCC contractually commits to third-party construction vendors for certain material purchases and other construction services. TCC also purchases materials, supplies, services and property, plant and equipment under contract as part of its normal course of business. Certain supply contracts contain penalty provisions for early termination.

The following table summarizes TCC's actual contractual commitments at December 31, 2009:

| Contractual Commitments                       | Less Than 1 |           |           |               | After<br>5 years | Total  |
|---|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|------------------|--------|
|   | year        | 2-3 years | 4-5 years | (in millions) |                  |        |
| Construction Contracts for Capital Assets (a) | \$ 2.0      | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ -          | \$ -             | \$ 2.0 |

(a) Represents only capital assets that are contractual commitments. Actual payments are dependent upon and may vary significantly based upon the decision to build, regulatory approval schedules, timing and escalation of project costs.

## **GUARANTEES**

Liabilities for guarantees are recorded in accordance with the accounting guidance for “Guarantees.” There is no collateral held in relation to any guarantees. In the event any guarantee is drawn, there is no recourse to third parties.

### ***Indemnifications and Other Guarantees***

#### ***Contracts***

TCC enters into certain types of contracts which require indemnifications. Typically these contracts include, but are not limited to, sale agreements, lease agreements, purchase agreements and financing agreements. Generally, these agreements may include, but are not limited to, indemnifications around certain tax, contractual and environmental matters. With respect to sale agreements, exposure generally does not exceed the sale price. Prior to December 31, 2009, TCC entered into sale agreements including indemnifications with a maximum exposure of \$1 million related to sale of transmission assets to the Lower Colorado River Authority. There are no material liabilities recorded for any indemnifications and the risk of payment/performance is remote.

#### ***Lease Obligations***

TCC leases certain equipment under master lease agreements. See “Master Lease Agreements” section of Note 11 for disclosure of lease residual value guarantees.

## **CONTINGENCIES**

### ***Insurance and Potential Losses***

TCC maintains insurance coverage normal and customary for an electric utility, subject to various deductibles. The insurance includes coverage for all risks of physical loss or damage to assets, subject to insurance policy conditions and exclusions. Covered property generally includes substations, facilities and inventories. Excluded property generally includes transmission and distribution lines, poles and towers. The insurance programs also generally provide coverage against loss arising from certain claims made by third parties and are in excess of TCC’s retentions. Coverage is generally provided by a combination of the protected cell of EIS and/or various industry mutual and/or commercial insurance carriers.

Some potential losses or liabilities may not be insurable or the amount of insurance carried may not be sufficient to meet potential losses and liabilities. Future losses or liabilities, if they occur, which are not completely insured, unless recovered from customers, could have a material adverse effect on net income, cash flows and financial condition.

### ***Carbon Dioxide Public Nuisance Claims***

In 2004, eight states and the City of New York filed an action in Federal District Court for the Southern District of New York against AEP, AEPSC, Cinergy Corp, Xcel Energy, Southern Company and Tennessee Valley Authority. The Natural Resources Defense Council, on behalf of three special interest groups, filed a similar complaint against the same defendants. The actions allege that CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the defendants’ power plants constitute a public nuisance under federal common law due to impacts of global warming and sought injunctive relief in the form of specific emission reduction commitments from the defendants. The trial court dismissed the lawsuits.

In September 2009, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals issued a ruling on appeal remanding the cases to the Federal District Court for the Southern District of New York. The Second Circuit held that the issues of climate change and global warming do not raise political questions and that Congress’ refusal to regulate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions does not mean that plaintiffs must wait for an initial policy determination by Congress or the President’s administration to secure the relief sought in their complaints. The court stated that Congress could enact comprehensive legislation to regulate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions or that the Federal EPA could regulate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions under existing Clean Air Act authorities and that either of these actions could override any decision made by the district court under federal common law. The Second Circuit did not rule on whether the plaintiffs could proceed with their state common law nuisance claims. In November 2009, the defendants filed for rehearing.



In October 2009, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a decision by the Federal District Court for the District of Mississippi dismissing state common law nuisance claims in a putative class action by Mississippi residents asserting that CO<sub>2</sub> emissions exacerbated the effects of Hurricane Katrina. The Fifth Circuit held that there was no exclusive commitment of the common law issues raised in plaintiffs' complaint to a coordinate branch of government and that no initial policy determination was required to adjudicate these claims. TCC was initially dismissed from this case without prejudice, but is named as a defendant in a pending fourth amended complaint.

Management believes the actions are without merit and intends to continue to defend against the claims.

### ***Alaskan Villages' Claims***

In 2008, the Native Village of Kivalina and the City of Kivalina, Alaska filed a lawsuit in Federal Court in the Northern District of California against AEP, AEPSC and 22 other unrelated defendants including oil and gas companies, a coal company, and other electric generating companies. The complaint alleges that the defendants' emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> contribute to global warming and constitute a public and private nuisance and that the defendants are acting together. The complaint further alleges that some of the defendants, including AEP, conspired to create a false scientific debate about global warming in order to deceive the public and perpetuate the alleged nuisance. The plaintiffs also allege that the effects of global warming will require the relocation of the village at an alleged cost of \$95 million to \$400 million. In October 2009, the judge dismissed plaintiffs' federal common law claim for nuisance, finding the claim barred by the political question doctrine and by plaintiffs' lack of standing to bring the claim. The judge also dismissed plaintiffs' state law claims without prejudice to refile in state court. The plaintiffs appealed the decision. Management believes the action is without merit and intends to defend against the claims.

### ***The Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (Superfund) and State Remediation***

The transmission and distribution facilities have used asbestos, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and other hazardous and nonhazardous materials. TCC currently incurs costs to dispose of these substances safely.

Superfund addresses clean-up of hazardous substances that have been released to the environment. The Federal EPA administers the clean-up programs. Several states have enacted similar laws. At December 31, 2009, TCC has been named potentially liable at two sites under state law. In the instances where TCC has been named a defendant, disposal or recycling activities were in accordance with the then-applicable laws and regulations. Superfund does not recognize compliance as a defense, but imposes strict liability on parties who fall within its broad statutory categories. Liability has been resolved for a number of sites with no significant effect on net income.

Management evaluates the potential liability for each site separately, but several general statements can be made about potential future liability. Allegations that materials were disposed at a particular site are often unsubstantiated and the quantity of materials deposited at a site can be small and often nonhazardous. Although Superfund liability has been interpreted by the courts as joint and several, typically many parties are named for each site and several of the parties are financially sound enterprises. At present, management's estimates do not anticipate material cleanup costs for identified sites.

### ***Claims by the City of Brownsville, Texas Against TCC***

In 2007, the City of Brownsville, Texas filed an original petition in litigation pending in the District Court of Dallas County, Texas. The petition seeks recovery against TCC based on allegations of breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, unjust enrichment, constructive trust, conversion, breach of the Texas theft liability act and fraud allegedly occurring in connection with a transaction in which Brownsville purchased TCC's interest in the Oklaunion electric generating station. The court signed the Final Summary Judgment in favor of TCC on Brownsville's claims against TCC and severed TCC's claims against Brownsville for further proceedings. Brownsville filed an appeal to the Dallas Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals ordered the parties to mediate this dispute. Mediation was unsuccessful. Brownsville filed its brief in December 2009 and TCC filed its reply in February 2010. Oral argument has not been scheduled. Management believes that the claims are without merit and intends to defend against them vigorously.

## ***FERC Long-term Contracts***

In 2002, the FERC held a hearing related to a complaint filed by Nevada Power Company and Sierra Pacific Power Company (the Nevada utilities). The complaint sought to break long-term contracts entered during the 2000 and 2001 California energy price spike which the customers alleged were “high-priced.” The complaint alleged that TCC and other AEP subsidiaries sold power at unjust and unreasonable prices because the market for power was allegedly dysfunctional at the time such contracts were executed. In September 2009, the parties reached a settlement.

## **5. DISPOSITIONS**

### **2009**

#### ***Electric Transmission Texas LLC (ETT)***

TCC sold \$93 million of transmission facilities to ETT in 2009 and an additional \$16 million in January 2010. See the 2007 activity for ETT below.

### **2008**

None

### **2007**

#### ***Electric Transmission Texas LLC (ETT)***

In December 2007, TCC contributed \$70 million of transmission facilities to ETT, a newly-formed affiliated entity which will own and operate transmission assets in ERCOT. Through a series of transactions, TCC received a cash distribution from ETT of \$42 million and sold a 50% interest, at net book value, for \$14 million to MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company. TCC then distributed its remaining 50% interest (book value of \$14 million) in ETT to its parent, AEP Utilities, Inc., the holding company for AEP’s ERCOT investments.

#### ***Texas Plants – Oklaunion Power Station***

In February 2007, TCC sold its 7.81% share of Oklaunion Power Station to the Public Utilities Board of the City of Brownsville for \$43 million plus adjustments. The sale did not have a material effect on TCC’s net income. Management does not expect that the remaining litigation will have a significant impact on future net income. See “Claims by the City of Brownsville, Texas Against TCC” section of Note 4.

## **6. BENEFIT PLANS**

For a discussion of investment strategy, investment limitations, target asset allocations and the classification of investments within the fair value hierarchy, see “Investments Held in Trust for Future Liabilities” and “Fair Value Measurements of Assets and Liabilities” sections of Note 1.

TCC participates in an AEP sponsored qualified pension plan and two unfunded nonqualified pension plans. AEP merged two qualified plans at December 31, 2008. A substantial majority of employees are covered by the qualified plan or both the qualified and a nonqualified pension plan. TCC participates in OPEB plans sponsored by AEP to provide medical and life insurance benefits for retired employees.

TCC recognizes its obligations associated with defined benefit pension plans and OPEB plans in the balance sheets at fair value under the “Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures” accounting guidance. Additional disclosures about the plans are required by “Compensation – Retirement Benefits” accounting guidance. TCC recognizes an asset for a plan’s overfunded status or a liability for a plan’s underfunded status and recognizes, as a component of other comprehensive income, the changes in the funded status of the plan that arise during the year that are not recognized as a component of net periodic benefit cost. TCC records a regulatory asset for qualifying benefit costs of regulated operations that for ratemaking purposes are deferred for future recovery.

Adjustment of pretax AOCI is required at the end of each year, for both underfunded and overfunded defined benefit pension and OPEB plans, to an amount equal to the remaining unrecognized deferrals for unamortized actuarial losses or gains, prior service costs and transition obligations, such that remaining deferred costs result in an AOCI equity reduction and deferred gains result in an AOCI equity addition. The year-end AOCI measure can be volatile based on fluctuating market conditions, investment returns and discount rates.

The following tables provide a reconciliation of the changes in projected benefit obligations and fair value of assets for AEP's plans over the two-year period ending at the plan's measurement date of December 31, 2009, and their funded status as of December 31 of each year:

**Projected Plan Obligations, Plan Assets, Funded Status as of December 31, 2009 and 2008**

|   | <b>Pension Plans</b> |                   | <b>Other Postretirement Benefit Plans</b> |                 |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|---|-----------------|
|   | <b>December 31,</b>  |                   | <b>December 31,</b>                       |                 |
|   | <b>2009</b>          | <b>2008</b>       | <b>2009</b>                               | <b>2008</b>     |
| <b>Change in Projected Benefit Obligation</b>   |                      |                   |   |                 |
| Projected Obligation at January 1               | \$ 4,301             | \$ 4,109          | \$ 1,843                                  | \$ 1,773        |
| Service Cost                                    | 104                  | 100               | 42  | 42              |
| Interest Cost                                   | 254                  | 249               | 110                                       | 113             |
| Actuarial Loss                                  | 290                  | 139               | 32  | 2               |
| Benefit Payments                                | (248)                | (296)             | (120)                                     | (120)           |
| Participant Contributions                       | -                    | -                 | 25  | 24              |
| Medicare Subsidy                                | -                    | -                 | 9   | 9               |
| <b>Projected Obligation at December 31</b>      | <b>\$ 4,701</b>      | <b>\$ 4,301</b>   | <b>\$ 1,941</b>                           | <b>\$ 1,843</b> |
| <b>Change in Fair Value of Plan Assets</b>      |                      |                   |   |                 |
| Fair Value of Plan Assets at January 1          | \$ 3,161             | \$ 4,504          | \$ 1,018                                  | \$ 1,400        |
| Actual Gain (Loss) on Plan Assets               | 482                  | (1,054)           | 235                                       | (368)           |
| Company Contributions                           | 8                    | 7                 | 150                                       | 82              |
| Participant Contributions                       | -                    | -                 | 25  | 24              |
| Benefit Payments                                | (248)                | (296)             | (120)                                     | (120)           |
| <b>Fair Value of Plan Assets at December 31</b> | <b>\$ 3,403</b>      | <b>\$ 3,161</b>   | <b>\$ 1,308</b>                           | <b>\$ 1,018</b> |
| <b>Underfunded Status at December 31</b>        | <b>\$ (1,298)</b>    | <b>\$ (1,140)</b> | <b>\$ (633)</b>                           | <b>\$ (825)</b> |

**Actuarial Assumptions for Benefit Obligations**

The weighted-average assumptions as of December 31 of each year used in the measurement of AEP's benefit obligations are shown in the following table:

| <b>Assumptions</b>            | <b>Pension Plans</b> |             | <b>Other Postretirement Benefit Plans</b> |             |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|---|-------------|
|                               | <b>December 31,</b>  |             | <b>December 31,</b>                       |             |
|                               | <b>2009</b>          | <b>2008</b> | <b>2009</b>                               | <b>2008</b> |
| Discount Rate                 | 5.60%                | 6.00%       | 5.85%                                     | 6.10%       |
| Rate of Compensation Increase | 4.60% (a)            | 5.90% (a)   | N/A                                       | N/A         |

(a) Rates are for base pay only. In addition, an amount is added to reflect target incentive compensation for exempt employees and overtime and incentive pay for nonexempt employees.

N/A = Not Applicable

To determine a discount rate, AEP uses a duration-based method by constructing a hypothetical portfolio of high quality corporate bonds similar to those included in the Moody's Aa bond index with a duration matching the benefit plan liability. The composite yield on the hypothetical bond portfolio is used as the discount rate for the plan.

For 2009, the rate of compensation increase assumed varies with the age of the employee, ranging from 3% per year to 11.5% per year, with an average increase of 4.6%.

**Amounts Recognized on AEP's Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2009 and 2008**

|   | <b>Pension Plans</b> |                   | <b>Other Postretirement Benefit Plans</b> |                 |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|---|-----------------|
|   | <b>December 31,</b>  |                   | <b>December 31,</b>                       |                 |
|   | <b>2009</b>          | <b>2008</b>       | <b>2009</b>                               | <b>2008</b>     |
|   | (in millions)        |                   |   |                 |
| Other Current Liabilities – Accrued Short-term Benefit Liability                | \$ (10)              | \$ (9)            | \$ (4)                                    | \$ (4)          |
| Employee Benefits and Pension Obligations – Accrued Long-term Benefit Liability | (1,288)              | (1,131)           | (629)                                     | (821)           |
| <b>Underfunded Status</b>   | <b>\$ (1,298)</b>    | <b>\$ (1,140)</b> | <b>\$ (633)</b>                           | <b>\$ (825)</b> |

**Amounts Recognized in AEP's Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (AOCI) as of December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007**

| <b>Components</b>     | <b>Pension Plans</b> |                 |               | <b>Other Postretirement Benefit Plans</b> |               |               |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|---|---------------|---------------|
|                       | <b>December 31,</b>  |                 |               | <b>December 31,</b>                       |               |               |
|                       | <b>2009</b>          | <b>2008</b>     | <b>2007</b>   | <b>2009</b>                               | <b>2008</b>   | <b>2007</b>   |
|                       | (in millions)        |                 |               |   |               |               |
| Net Actuarial Loss    | \$ 2,096             | \$ 2,024        | \$ 534        | \$ 546                                    | \$ 715        | \$ 231        |
| Prior Service Cost    | 12                   | 13              | 14            | 3   | 3             | 4             |
| Transition Obligation | -                    | -               | -             | 43  | 70            | 97            |
| <b>Pretax AOCI</b>    | <b>\$ 2,108</b>      | <b>\$ 2,037</b> | <b>\$ 548</b> | <b>\$ 592</b>                             | <b>\$ 788</b> | <b>\$ 332</b> |
|                       | <b>Recorded as</b>   |                 |               |   |               |               |
| Regulatory Assets     | \$ 1,750             | \$ 1,660        | \$ 453        | \$ 380                                    | \$ 502        | \$ 204        |
| Deferred Income Taxes | 125                  | 132             | 33            | 74  | 100           | 45            |
| Net of Tax AOCI       | 233                  | 245             | 62            | 138                                       | 186           | 83            |
| <b>Pretax AOCI</b>    | <b>\$ 2,108</b>      | <b>\$ 2,037</b> | <b>\$ 548</b> | <b>\$ 592</b>                             | <b>\$ 788</b> | <b>\$ 332</b> |

Components of the Change in AEP's Plan Assets and Benefit Obligations Recognized in Pretax AOCI during the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 are as follows:

| <b>Components</b>                            | <b>Pensions Plans</b>           |                 | <b>Other Postretirement Benefit Plans</b> |               |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---|---------------|
|  | <b>Years Ended December 31,</b> |                 | <b>Years Ended December 31,</b>           |               |
|  | <b>2009</b>                     | <b>2008</b>     | <b>2009</b>                               | <b>2008</b>   |
|  | (in millions)                   |                 |   |               |
| Actuarial Loss (Gain) During the Year        | \$ 130                          | \$ 1,527        | \$ (127)                                  | \$ 492        |
| Amortization of Actuarial Loss               | (59)                            | (37)            | (42)                                      | (9)           |
| Prior Service Credit                         | -                               | (1)             | -   | -             |
| Amortization of Transition Obligation        | -                               | -               | (27)                                      | (27)          |
| <b>Total Pretax AOCI Change for the Year</b> | <b>\$ 71</b>                    | <b>\$ 1,489</b> | <b>\$ (196)</b>                           | <b>\$ 456</b> |

**Pension and Other Postretirement Plans' Assets**

The value of AEP's pension plan's assets increased to \$3.4 billion at December 31, 2009 from \$3.2 billion at December 31, 2008. The qualified plan paid \$240 million in benefits to plan participants during 2009 (nonqualified plans paid \$8 million in benefits). The value of the OPEB plans' assets increased to \$1.3 billion at December 31, 2009 from \$1 billion at December 31, 2008. The OPEB plans paid \$120 million in benefits to plan participants during 2009.

The following table presents the classification of pension plan assets within the fair value hierarchy at December 31, 2009:

| <u>Major Categories of Plan Assets</u> | <u>Level 1</u>  | <u>Level 2</u>  | <u>Level 3</u> | <u>Other</u>    | <u>Total</u>    | <u>Year End Allocation</u> |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
|  |                 |                 | (in millions)  |                 |                 |                            |
| Equities:                              |                 |                 |                |                 |                 |                            |
| Domestic                               | \$ 1,219        | \$ -            | \$ -           | \$ -            | \$ 1,219        | 35.8%                      |
| International                          | 320             | -               | -              | -               | 320             | 9.4%                       |
| Real Estate Investment Trusts          | 87              | -               | -              | -               | 87              | 2.6%                       |
| Common Collective Trust –              |                 |                 |                |                 |                 |                            |
| International                          | -               | 161             | -              | -               | 161             | 4.7%                       |
| Subtotal Equities                      | <u>1,626</u>    | <u>161</u>      | <u>-</u>       | <u>-</u>        | <u>1,787</u>    | <u>52.5%</u>               |
| Fixed Income:                          |                 |                 |                |                 |                 |                            |
| United States Government and           |                 |                 |                |                 |                 |                            |
| Agency Securities                      | -               | 233             | -              | -               | 233             | 6.9%                       |
| Corporate Debt                         | -               | 831             | -              | -               | 831             | 24.4%                      |
| Foreign Debt                           | -               | 171             | -              | -               | 171             | 5.0%                       |
| State and Local Government             | -               | 35              | -              | -               | 35              | 1.0%                       |
| Other – Asset Backed                   | -               | 27              | -              | -               | 27              | 0.8%                       |
| Subtotal Fixed Income                  | <u>-</u>        | <u>1,297</u>    | <u>-</u>       | <u>-</u>        | <u>1,297</u>    | <u>38.1%</u>               |
| Real Estate                            | -               | -               | 90             | -               | 90              | 2.7%                       |
| Alternative Investments                | -               | -               | 106            | -               | 106             | 3.1%                       |
| Securities Lending                     | -               | 173             | -              | -               | 173             | 5.1%                       |
| Securities Lending Collateral (a)      | -               | -               | -              | (196)           | (196)           | (5.8)%                     |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents (b)          | -               | 116             | -              | 4               | 120             | 3.5%                       |
| Other – Pending Transactions and       |                 |                 |                |                 |                 |                            |
| Accrued Income (c)                     | <u>-</u>        | <u>-</u>        | <u>-</u>       | <u>26</u>       | <u>26</u>       | <u>0.8%</u>                |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <u>\$ 1,626</u> | <u>\$ 1,747</u> | <u>\$ 196</u>  | <u>\$ (166)</u> | <u>\$ 3,403</u> | <u>100.0%</u>              |

- (a) Amounts in “Other” column primarily represent an obligation to repay cash collateral received as part on the Security Lending Program.
- (b) Amounts in “Other” column primarily represent foreign currency holdings.
- (c) Amounts in “Other” column primarily represent accrued interest, dividend receivables and transactions pending settlement.

The following table sets forth a reconciliation of changes in the fair value of real estate and alternative investments classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy for the pension assets:

|  | <u>Real Estate</u> | <u>Alternative Investments</u> | <u>Total Level 3</u> |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
|  |                    | (in millions)                  |                      |
| <b>Balance as of January 1, 2009</b>                   | \$ 137             | \$ 106                         | \$ 243               |
| Actual Return on Plan Assets                           |                    |                                |                      |
| Relating to Assets Still Held as of the Reporting Date | (47)               | (14)                           | (61)                 |
| Relating to Assets Sold During the Period              | -                  | 1                              | 1                    |
| Purchases and Sales                                    | -                  | 13                             | 13                   |
| Transfers in and/or out of Level 3                     | -                  | -                              | -                    |
| <b>Balance as of December 31, 2009</b>                 | <u>\$ 90</u>       | <u>\$ 106</u>                  | <u>\$ 196</u>        |

The following table presents the classification of OPEB plan assets within the fair value hierarchy at December 31, 2009:

| <u>Major Categories of Plan Assets</u>              | <u>Level 1</u> | <u>Level 2</u> | <u>Level 3</u> | <u>Other</u> | <u>Total</u>    | <u>Year End Allocation</u> |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
|   |                |                | (in millions)  |              |                 |                            |
| Equities:   |                |                |                |              |                 |                            |
| Domestic  | \$ 343         | \$ -           | \$ -           | \$ -         | \$ 343          | 26.2%                      |
| International                                       | 375            | -              | -              | -            | 375             | 28.7%                      |
| Common Collective Trust – International             | -              | 93             | -              | -            | 93              | 7.1%                       |
| Subtotal Equities                                   | <u>718</u>     | <u>93</u>      | <u>-</u>       | <u>-</u>     | <u>811</u>      | <u>62.0%</u>               |
| Fixed Income:                                       |                |                |                |              |                 |                            |
| Common Collective Trust – Debt                      | -              | 38             | -              | -            | 38              | 2.9%                       |
| United States Government and Agency Securities      | -              | 42             | -              | -            | 42              | 3.2%                       |
| Corporate Debt                                      | -              | 141            | -              | -            | 141             | 10.8%                      |
| Foreign Debt  | -              | 32             | -              | -            | 32              | 2.4%                       |
| State and Local Government                          | -              | 6              | -              | -            | 6               | 0.5%                       |
| Other – Asset Backed                                | -              | 2              | -              | -            | 2               | 0.2%                       |
| Subtotal Fixed Income                               | <u>-</u>       | <u>261</u>     | <u>-</u>       | <u>-</u>     | <u>261</u>      | <u>20.0%</u>               |
| Trust Owned Life Insurance:                         |                |                |                |              |                 |                            |
| International Equities                              | -              | 75             | -              | -            | 75              | 5.7%                       |
| United States Bonds                                 | -              | 131            | -              | -            | 131             | 10.0%                      |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents (a)                       | 7              | 14             | -              | 1            | 22              | 1.7%                       |
| Other – Pending Transactions and Accrued Income (b) | -              | -              | -              | 8            | 8               | 0.6%                       |
| <b>Total</b>  | <u>\$ 725</u>  | <u>\$ 574</u>  | <u>\$ -</u>    | <u>\$ 9</u>  | <u>\$ 1,308</u> | <u>100.0%</u>              |

(a) Amounts in “Other” column primarily represent foreign currency holdings.

(b) Amounts in “Other” column primarily represent accrued interest, dividend receivables and transactions pending settlement.

The asset allocations for AEP’s plans at the end of 2008 by asset category, were as follows:

| <u>Asset Category</u>     | <u>Percentage of Plan Assets at December 31, 2008</u> |   |
|---------------------------|---|---|
|                           | <u>Pension Plans</u>                                  | <u>Other Postretirement Benefit Plans</u> |
| Equity Securities         | 47%   | 53%                                       |
| Real Estate               | 6%  | -   |
| Debt Securities           | 42%   | 43%                                       |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | 5%  | 4%  |
| <b>Total</b>              | <u>100%</u>   | <u>100%</u>                               |

### *Significant Concentrations of Risk Within Plan Assets*

In addition to establishing the target asset allocation of plan assets, the investment policy also places restrictions on securities to limit significant concentrations within plan assets. The investment policy establishes guidelines that govern maximum market exposure, security restrictions, prohibited asset classes, prohibited types of transactions, minimum credit quality, average portfolio quality, portfolio duration and concentration limits. The guidelines were established to mitigate the risk of loss due to significant concentrations in any investment. AEP monitors the plan to control security diversification and ensure compliance with its investment policy. At December 31, 2009, the assets were invested in compliance with all investment limits. See "Investments Held in Trust for Future Liabilities" section of Note 1 for limit details.

### *Determination of Pension Expense*

AEP bases its determination of pension expense or income on a market-related valuation of assets which reduces year-to-year volatility. This market-related valuation recognizes investment gains or losses over a five-year period from the year in which they occur. Investment gains or losses for this purpose are the difference between the expected return calculated using the market-related value of assets and the actual return based on the market-related value of assets. Since the market-related value of assets recognizes gains or losses over a five-year period, the future value of assets will be impacted as previously deferred gains or losses are recorded.

| <b>Accumulated Benefit Obligation</b> | <b>December 31,</b> |                 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
|                                       | <b>2009</b>         | <b>2008</b>     |
|                                       | (in millions)       |                 |
| Qualified Pension Plans               | \$ 4,539            | \$ 4,119        |
| Nonqualified Pension Plans            | 90                  | 80              |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>\$ 4,629</b>     | <b>\$ 4,199</b> |

For the underfunded pension plans that had an accumulated benefit obligation in excess of plan assets, the projected benefit obligation, accumulated benefit obligation and fair value of plan assets of these plans at December 31, 2009 and 2008 were as follows:

|   | <b>Underfunded Pension Plans</b> |                 |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------|
|   | <b>December 31,</b>              |                 |
|   | <b>2009</b>                      | <b>2008</b>     |
|   | (in millions)                    |                 |
| <b>Projected Benefit Obligation</b>               | <b>\$ 4,701</b>                  | <b>\$ 4,301</b> |
| Accumulated Benefit Obligation                    | \$ 4,629                         | \$ 4,199        |
| Fair Value of Plan Assets                         | 3,403                            | 3,161           |
| <b>Underfunded Accumulated Benefit Obligation</b> | <b>\$ 1,226</b>                  | <b>\$ 1,038</b> |

### *Estimated Future Benefit Payments and Contributions*

AEP expects contributions and payments for the pension plans of \$160 million and the OPEB plans of \$117 million during 2010. The amount for the pension plans is at least the minimum amount required by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended plus payment of unfunded nonqualified benefits. For the qualified pension plan, AEP may make additional discretionary contributions to maintain the funded status of the plan. The contribution to the OPEB plans is generally based on the amount of the OPEB plans' periodic benefit costs for accounting purposes as provided for in agreements with state regulatory authorities, plus the additional discretionary contribution of the Medicare subsidy receipts.

The table below reflects the total benefits expected to be paid from the plan or from the employer's assets, including both the employer's share of the benefit cost and the participants' share of the cost, which is funded by participant contributions to the plan. Medicare subsidy receipts are shown in the year of the corresponding benefit payments, even though actual cash receipts are expected early in the following year. Future benefit payments are dependent on the number of employees retiring, whether the retiring employees elect to receive pension benefits as annuities or as lump sum distributions, future integration of the benefit plans with changes to Medicare and other legislation, future levels of interest rates and variances in actuarial results. The estimated payments for AEP's pension benefits and other postretirement benefits are as follows:

|                              | <u>Pension Plans</u>    |       | <u>Other Postretirement Benefit Plans</u> |                                  |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|---|----------------------------------|
|                              | <u>Pension Payments</u> |       | <u>Benefit Payments</u>                   | <u>Medicare Subsidy Receipts</u> |
|                              |                         |       | (in millions)                             |                                  |
| 2010                         | \$                      | 332   | \$  | 119                              |
| 2011                         |                         | 342   |   | 130                              |
| 2012                         |                         | 348   |   | 139                              |
| 2013                         |                         | 355   |   | 148                              |
| 2014                         |                         | 358   |   | 158                              |
| Years 2015 to 2019, in Total |                         | 1,871 |   | 923                              |

### **Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost**

The following table provides the components of AEP's net periodic benefit cost for the plans for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007:

|  | <u>Pension Plans</u>     |              |              | <u>Other Postretirement Benefit Plans</u> |              |              |
|--|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|
|  | Years Ended December 31, |              |              |   |              |              |
|  | <u>2009</u>              | <u>2008</u>  | <u>2007</u>  | <u>2009</u>                               | <u>2008</u>  | <u>2007</u>  |
|  | (in millions)            |              |              |   |              |              |
| Service Cost   | \$ 104                   | \$ 100       | \$ 96        | \$ 42                                     | \$ 42        | \$ 42        |
| Interest Cost  | 254                      | 249          | 235          | 110                                       | 113          | 104          |
| Expected Return on Plan Assets                         | (321)                    | (336)        | (340)        | (80)                                      | (111)        | (104)        |
| Amortization of Transition Obligation                  | -                        | -            | -            | 27  | 27           | 27           |
| Amortization of Prior Service Cost                     | -                        | 1            | -            | -   | -            | -            |
| Amortization of Net Actuarial Loss                     | 59                       | 37           | 59           | 42  | 9            | 12           |
| <b>Net Periodic Benefit Cost</b>                       | <u>96</u>                | <u>51</u>    | <u>50</u>    | <u>141</u>                                | <u>80</u>    | <u>81</u>    |
| Capitalized Portion                                    | <u>(30)</u>              | <u>(16)</u>  | <u>(14)</u>  | <u>(44)</u>                               | <u>(25)</u>  | <u>(25)</u>  |
| <b>Net Periodic Benefit Cost Recognized as Expense</b> | <u>\$ 66</u>             | <u>\$ 35</u> | <u>\$ 36</u> | <u>\$ 97</u>                              | <u>\$ 55</u> | <u>\$ 56</u> |

Estimated amounts expected to be amortized to net periodic benefit costs for AEP's plans during 2010 are shown in the following table:

| <u>Components</u>                                    | <u>Pension Plans</u> | <u>Other Postretirement Benefit Plans</u> |
|--|----------------------|---|
|  | (in millions)        |   |
| Net Actuarial Loss                                   | \$ 99                | \$ 29                                     |
| Prior Service Cost                                   | 1                    | -   |
| Transition Obligation                                | -                    | 27  |
| <b>Total Estimated 2010 Pretax AOCI Amortization</b> | <u>\$ 100</u>        | <u>\$ 56</u>                              |
| <b>Expected to be Recorded as</b>                    |                      |   |
| Regulatory Asset                                     | \$ 82                | \$ 37                                     |
| Deferred Income Taxes                                | 6                    | 7   |
| Net of Tax AOCI                                      | 12                   | 12  |
| <b>Total</b>   | <u>\$ 100</u>        | <u>\$ 56</u>                              |



The following table provides TCC's net periodic benefit cost for the plans for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007:

|              | <u>Pension Plans</u>            |             |             | <u>Other Postretirement Benefit Plans</u> |             |             |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---|-------------|-------------|
|              | <u>Years Ended December 31,</u> |             |             |   |             |             |
|              | <u>2009</u>                     | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2009</u>                               | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|              | (in thousands)                  |             |             |   |             |             |
| Benefit Cost | \$ 1,491                        | \$ 832      | \$ 404      | \$ 10,061                                 | \$ 6,046    | \$ 6,298    |

#### *Actuarial Assumptions for Net Periodic Benefit Costs*

The weighted-average assumptions as of January 1 of each year used in the measurement of AEP's benefit costs are shown in the following tables:

|                                | <u>Pension Plans</u> |             |             | <u>Other Postretirement Benefit Plans</u> |             |             |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|---|-------------|-------------|
|                                | <u>2009</u>          | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2009</u>                               | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
| Discount Rate                  | 6.00%                | 6.00%       | 5.75%       | 6.10%                                     | 6.20%       | 5.85%       |
| Expected Return on Plan Assets | 8.00%                | 8.00%       | 8.50%       | 7.75%                                     | 8.00%       | 8.00%       |
| Rate of Compensation Increase  | 5.90%                | 5.90%       | 5.90%       | N/A                                       | N/A         | N/A         |

N/A = Not Applicable

The expected return on plan assets for 2009 was determined by evaluating historical returns, the current investment climate (yield on fixed income securities and other recent investment market indicators), rate of inflation and current prospects for economic growth.

The health care trend rate assumptions as of January 1 of each year used for OPEB plans measurement purposes are shown below:

| <u>Health Care Trend Rates</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>2008</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Initial                        | 6.50%       | 7.00%       |
| Ultimate                       | 5.00%       | 5.00%       |
| Year Ultimate Reached          | 2012        | 2012        |

Assumed health care cost trend rates have a significant effect on the amounts reported for the OPEB health care plans. A 1% change in assumed health care cost trend rates would have the following effects:

|  | <u>1% Increase</u> | <u>1% Decrease</u> |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
|  | (in millions)      |                    |
| Effect on Total Service and Interest Cost Components of Net Periodic Postretirement Health Care Benefit Cost | \$ 20              | \$ (16)            |
| Effect on the Health Care Component of the Accumulated Postretirement Benefit Obligation                     | 217                | (180)              |

#### *American Electric Power System Retirement Savings Plan*

TCC participates in an AEP sponsored defined contribution retirement savings plan, the American Electric Power System Retirement Savings Plan, for substantially all employees. This qualified plan offers participants an opportunity to contribute a portion of their pay, includes features under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code and provides for company matching contributions. The matching contributions to the plan was 75% of the first 6% of eligible compensation contributed by the employee in 2008. Effective January 1, 2009, the match is 100% of the first 1% of eligible employee contributions and 70% of the next 5% of contributions. The cost for contributions to the plan totaled \$3.3 million in 2009, \$3.5 million in 2008 and \$3.3 million in 2007.

## **7. BUSINESS SEGMENTS**

TCC has one reportable segment, an integrated electricity transmission and distribution business. TCC's other activities are insignificant.

## 8. DERIVATIVES AND HEDGING

Beginning in 2009, AEPSC, on behalf of TCC, executed financial heating oil and gasoline derivative contracts to hedge the price risk of diesel fuel and gasoline purchases. The amount of AOCI, net of taxes, reported in TCC's Consolidated Balance Sheet for these hedges is \$163 thousand as of December 31, 2009. Not all fuel price risk exposure is hedged. During the year ended December 31, 2009, TCC recognized no hedge ineffectiveness related to this hedge strategy. The maximum term for exposure to variability of these cash flows is 12 months.

## 9. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

### *Fair Value Measurements of Long-term Debt*

The fair values of Long-term Debt are based on quoted market prices, without credit enhancements, for the same or similar issues and the current interest rates offered for instruments with similar maturities. These instruments are not marked-to-market. The estimates presented are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that could be realized in a current market exchange.

The book values and fair values of TCC's Long-term Debt at December 31, 2009 and 2008 are summarized in the following table.

|                | December 31,      |                   |                   |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                | 2009              |                   | 2008              |                   |
|                | <u>Book Value</u> | <u>Fair Value</u> | <u>Book Value</u> | <u>Fair Value</u> |
|                | (in thousands)    |                   |                   |                   |
| Long-term Debt | \$ 2,757,966      | \$ 2,900,904      | \$ 2,794,297      | \$ 2,706,381      |

### *Fair Value Measurements of Financial Assets and Liabilities*

For a discussion of fair value accounting and the classification of assets and liabilities within the fair value hierarchy, see the "Fair Value Measurements of Assets and Liabilities" section of Note 1.

The following tables set forth, by level within the fair value hierarchy, TCC's financial assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2009 and 2008. As required by the accounting guidance for "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures," financial assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Management's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment, and may affect the valuation of fair value assets and liabilities and their placement within the fair value hierarchy levels. There have not been any significant changes in management's valuation techniques.

### **Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis as of December 31, 2009**

|   | <u>Level 1</u>    | <u>Level 2</u> | <u>Level 3</u> | <u>Other</u> | <u>Total</u>      |
|---|-------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>Assets:</b>                            | (in thousands)    |                |                |              |                   |
| Other Cash Deposits (a)                   | \$ 180,028        | \$ -           | \$ -           | \$ 16        | \$ 180,044        |
| <b><u>Risk Management Assets</u></b>      |                   |                |                |              |                   |
| Cash Flow Hedges                          | -                 | 246            | -              | (1)          | 245               |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                       | <u>\$ 180,028</u> | <u>\$ 246</u>  | <u>\$ -</u>    | <u>\$ 15</u> | <u>\$ 180,289</u> |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                       |                   |                |                |              |                   |
| <b><u>Risk Management Liabilities</u></b> |                   |                |                |              |                   |
| Cash Flow Hedges                          | \$ -              | \$ 1           | \$ -           | \$ (1)       | \$ -              |

**Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis as of December 31, 2008**

|                         | <u>Level 1</u>        | <u>Level 2</u> | <u>Level 3</u> | <u>Other</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Assets:</b>          | <b>(in thousands)</b> |                |                |              |              |
| Other Cash Deposits (a) | \$ 172,923            | \$ -           | \$ -           | \$ 16        | \$ 172,939   |

(a) Amounts in "Other" column primarily represent cash deposits with third-parties. Level 1 amounts primarily represent investments in money market funds.

**10. INCOME TAXES**

The details of income taxes as reported are as follows:

|                                 | <b>Years Ended December 31,</b> |                  |                  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                 | <u>2009</u>                     | <u>2008</u>      | <u>2007</u>      |
|                                 | <b>(in thousands)</b>           |                  |                  |
| Income Tax Expense (Credit):    |                                 |                  |                  |
| Current                         | \$ 98,559                       | \$ 8,938         | \$ 20,004        |
| Deferred                        | (59,939)                        | 31,824           | (390)            |
| Deferred Investment Tax Credits | (814)                           | (821)            | (601)            |
| <b>Total Income Taxes</b>       | <u>\$ 37,806</u>                | <u>\$ 39,941</u> | <u>\$ 19,013</u> |

Shown below is a reconciliation of the difference between the amount of federal income taxes computed by multiplying book income before income taxes by the federal statutory rate and the amount of income taxes reported.

|   | <b>Years Ended December 31,</b> |                   |                  |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
|   | <u>2009</u>                     | <u>2008</u>       | <u>2007</u>      |
|   | <b>(in thousands)</b>           |                   |                  |
| Net Income  | \$ 81,872                       | \$ 85,837         | \$ 58,950        |
| Income Taxes  | 37,806                          | 39,941            | 19,013           |
| <b>Pretax Income</b>  | <u>\$ 119,678</u>               | <u>\$ 125,778</u> | <u>\$ 77,963</u> |
| Income Tax on Pretax Income at Statutory Rate (35%)                   | \$ 41,887                       | \$ 44,022         | \$ 27,287        |
| Increase (Decrease) in Income Tax resulting from the following items: |                                 |                   |                  |
| Depreciation  | 99                              | (169)             | (457)            |
| Tax Adjustments   | 2,412                           | 1,739             | (7,350)          |
| Investment Tax Credits, Net   | (814)                           | (821)             | (601)            |
| State and Local Income Taxes  | 3,631                           | (3,166)           | 1,974            |
| Parent Company Loss Benefit   | (8,088)                         | (149)             | (100)            |
| Other   | (1,321)                         | (1,515)           | (1,740)          |
| <b>Total Income Taxes</b>   | <u>\$ 37,806</u>                | <u>\$ 39,941</u>  | <u>\$ 19,013</u> |
| <b>Effective Income Tax Rate</b>                                      | 31.6%                           | 31.8%             | 24.4%            |

The following table shows elements of the net deferred tax liability and significant temporary differences:

|  | <b>December 31,</b>   |                       |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|  | <b>2009</b>           | <b>2008</b>           |
|  | <b>(in thousands)</b> |                       |
| Deferred Tax Assets  | \$ 167,726            | \$ 143,958            |
| Deferred Tax Liabilities                                   | (1,176,525)           | (1,206,328)           |
| <b>Net Deferred Tax Liabilities</b>                        | <b>\$ (1,008,799)</b> | <b>\$ (1,062,370)</b> |
| Property Related Temporary Differences                     | \$ (334,055)          | \$ (300,958)          |
| Amounts Due From Customers For Future Federal Income Taxes | 468                   | 1,378                 |
| Transition Regulatory Assets                               | 19,239                | 19,239                |
| Accrued Pensions   | 27,434                | 24,158                |
| Provision for Refund                                       | 4,606                 | (11,906)              |
| Regulatory Assets  | (25,016)              | (29,789)              |
| Securitized Transition Assets                              | (711,855)             | (776,255)             |
| All Other, Net   | 10,380                | 11,763                |
| <b>Net Deferred Tax Liabilities</b>                        | <b>\$ (1,008,799)</b> | <b>\$ (1,062,370)</b> |

TCC joins in the filing of a consolidated federal income tax return with its affiliates in the AEP System. The allocation of the AEP System's current consolidated federal income tax to the AEP System companies allocates the benefit of current tax losses to the AEP System companies giving rise to such losses in determining their current tax expense. The tax benefit of the Parent is allocated to its subsidiaries with taxable income. With the exception of the loss of the Parent, the method of allocation reflects a separate return result for each company in the consolidated group.

TCC and other AEP subsidiaries are no longer subject to U.S. federal examination for years before 2001. TCC and other AEP subsidiaries have completed the exam for the years 2001 through 2006 and have issues that are being pursued at the appeals level. The years 2007 and 2008 are currently under examination. Although the outcome of tax audits is uncertain, in management's opinion, adequate provisions for income taxes have been made for potential liabilities resulting from such matters. In addition, TCC accrues interest on these uncertain tax positions. Management is not aware of any issues for open tax years that upon final resolution are expected to have a material adverse effect on net income.

TCC, along with other AEP subsidiaries, files income tax returns in various state and local jurisdictions. These taxing authorities routinely examine the tax returns and TCC and other AEP subsidiaries are currently under examination in several state and local jurisdictions. Management believes that previously filed tax returns have positions that may be challenged by these tax authorities. However, management believes that the ultimate resolution of these audits will not materially impact net income. With few exceptions, TCC is no longer subject to state or local income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2000.

TCC recognizes interest accruals related to uncertain tax positions in interest income or expense as applicable, and penalties in Other Operation in accordance with the accounting guidance for "Income Taxes."

The following table shows the amounts reported for interest expense, interest income and reversal of prior period interest expense:

|   | <b>Years Ended December 31,</b> |             |             |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | <b>2009</b>                     | <b>2008</b> | <b>2007</b> |
|   | <b>(in thousands)</b>           |             |             |
| Interest Expense                          | \$ 1,137                        | \$ 2,400    | \$ 550      |
| Interest Income                           | -                               | 1,716       | -           |
| Reversal of Prior Period Interest Expense | 455                             | 1,736       | 1,400       |

The following table shows balances for amounts accrued for the receipt of interest and the payment of interest and penalties:

|   | <b>December 31,</b> |             |
|---|---------------------|-------------|
|   | <u>2009</u>         | <u>2008</u> |
|   | (in thousands)      |             |
| Accrual for Receipt of Interest               | \$ -                | \$ 2,582    |
| Accrual for Payment of Interest and Penalties | 2,042               | 3,942       |

The reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits is as follows:

|   | <u>2009</u>      | <u>2008</u>      | <u>2007</u>      |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|   | (in thousands)   |                  |                  |
| <b>Balance at January 1,</b>                              | \$ 15,602        | \$ 17,973        | \$ 20,681        |
| Increase - Tax Positions Taken During a Prior Period      | 3,042            | 9,047            | 157              |
| Decrease - Tax Positions Taken During a Prior Period      | (1,961)          | (13,755)         | (3,203)          |
| Increase - Tax Positions Taken During the Current Year    | -                | 2,639            | 489              |
| Decrease - Tax Positions Taken During the Current Year    | (423)            | (302)            | -                |
| Decrease - Settlements with Taxing Authorities            | -                | -                | (151)            |
| Decrease - Lapse of the Applicable Statute of Limitations | (734)            | -                | -                |
| <b>Balance at December 31,</b>                            | <u>\$ 15,526</u> | <u>\$ 15,602</u> | <u>\$ 17,973</u> |

The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate is \$1.1 million. Management believes there will be no significant net increase or decrease in unrecognized tax benefits within 12 months of the reporting date.

### ***Federal Tax Legislation***

Several tax bills and other legislation with tax-related sections were enacted in 2007 and 2008, including the Tax Technical Corrections Act of 2007, the Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2007, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. These tax law changes enacted in 2007 and 2008 did not materially affect TCC's net income, cash flows or financial condition.

The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 provided enhanced expensing provisions for certain assets placed in service in 2008 and a 50% bonus depreciation provision similar to the one in effect in 2003 through 2004 for assets placed in service in 2008. The enacted provisions did not have a material impact on net income or financial condition, but provided a material favorable cash flow benefit of approximately \$28 million.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009 provided for several new grant programs and expanded tax credits and an extension of the 50% bonus depreciation provision enacted in the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008. The enacted provisions did not have a material impact on TCC's net income or financial condition. However, the bonus depreciation contributed to AEP's 2009 federal net operating tax loss and will result in a future cash flow benefit to TCC.

## 11. LEASES

Leases of property, plant and equipment are for periods up to 10 years and require payments of related property taxes, maintenance and operating costs. The majority of the leases have purchase or renewal options and will be renewed or replaced by other leases.

Lease rentals for both operating and capital leases are generally charged to Other Operation and Maintenance expense in accordance with rate-making treatment for regulated operations. The components of rental costs are as follows:

| Lease Rental Costs                    | Years Ended December 31, |                 |                 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                       | 2009                     | 2008            | 2007            |
|                                       |                          | (in thousands)  |                 |
| Net Lease Expense on Operating Leases | \$ 5,622                 | \$ 6,330        | \$ 6,759        |
| Amortization of Capital Leases        | 1,425                    | 1,613           | 1,453           |
| Interest on Capital Leases            | 68                       | 128             | 267             |
| <b>Total Lease Rental Costs</b>       | <b>\$ 7,115</b>          | <b>\$ 8,071</b> | <b>\$ 8,479</b> |

The following table shows the property, plant and equipment under capital leases and related obligations recorded on TCC's Consolidated Balance Sheets. Capital lease obligations are included in Other Current Liabilities and Deferred Credits and Other Noncurrent Liabilities on TCC's Consolidated Balance Sheets.

|  | December 31,    |                 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
|  | 2009            | 2008            |
|  | (in thousands)  |                 |
| <b>Property, Plant and Equipment Under Capital Leases</b>        |                 |                 |
| Total Property, Plant and Equipment Under Capital Leases – Other | \$ 6,221        | \$ 6,798        |
| Accumulated Amortization   | 2,671           | 3,698           |
| <b>Net Property, Plant and Equipment Under Capital Leases</b>    | <b>\$ 3,550</b> | <b>\$ 3,100</b> |
| <b>Obligations Under Capital Leases</b>                          |                 |                 |
| Noncurrent Liability   | \$ 2,077        | \$ 1,734        |
| Liability Due Within One Year                                    | 1,473           | 1,366           |
| <b>Total Obligations Under Capital Leases</b>                    | <b>\$ 3,550</b> | <b>\$ 3,100</b> |

Future minimum lease payments consisted of the following at December 31, 2009:

| Future Minimum Lease Payments                                   | Noncancelable   |                  |
|---|-----------------|------------------|
|   | Capital Leases  | Operating Leases |
|   | (in thousands)  |                  |
| 2010  | \$ 1,599        | \$ 4,977         |
| 2011  | 1,464           | 9,570            |
| 2012  | 231             | 1,292            |
| 2013  | 160             | 453              |
| 2014  | 109             | 318              |
| Later Years   | 309             | 748              |
| <b>Total Future Minimum Lease Payments</b>                      | <b>\$ 3,872</b> | <b>\$ 17,358</b> |
| Less Estimated Interest Element                                 | 322             |                  |
| <b>Estimated Present Value of Future Minimum Lease Payments</b> | <b>\$ 3,550</b> |                  |

## Master Lease Agreements

TCC leases certain equipment under master lease agreements. GE Capital Commercial Inc. (GE) notified management in November 2008 that they elected to terminate the Master Leasing Agreements in accordance with the termination rights specified within the contract. In 2011, TCC will be required to purchase all equipment under the lease and pay GE an amount equal to the unamortized value of all equipment then leased. As a result, the unamortized value of this equipment of \$11 million is reflected in TCC's future minimum lease payments for 2011. In December 2008, management signed new master lease agreements with one-year commitment periods that include lease terms of up to 10 years.

For equipment under the GE master lease agreements that expire in 2011, the lessor is guaranteed receipt of up to 87% of the unamortized balance of the equipment at the end of the lease term. If the fair market value of the leased equipment is below the unamortized balance at the end of the lease term, TCC is committed to pay the difference between the fair market value and the unamortized balance, with the total guarantee not to exceed 87% of the unamortized balance. Under the new master lease agreements, the lessor is guaranteed a residual value up to a stated percentage of either the unamortized balance or the equipment cost at the end of the lease term. If the actual fair market value of the leased equipment is below the guaranteed residual value at the end of the lease term, TCC is committed to pay the difference between the actual fair market value and the residual value guarantee. At December 31, 2009, the maximum potential loss for these lease agreements was approximately \$1 million assuming the fair market value of the equipment is zero at the end of the lease term. Historically, at the end of the lease term the fair market value has been in excess of the unamortized balance.

## 12. FINANCING ACTIVITIES

### Preferred Stock

| Par Value | Authorized Shares | Shares                           | Call Price at December 31, 2009(a) | Series | Redemption | December 31, |          |
|-----------|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|------------|--------------|----------|
|           |                   | Outstanding at December 31, 2009 |                                    |        |            | 2009         | 2008     |
| \$ 100    | (b)               | 41,747                           | \$ 105.75                          | 4.00%  | Any time   | \$ 4,175     | \$ 4,191 |
| 100       | (b)               | 17,301                           | 103.75                             | 4.20%  | Any time   | 1,730        | 1,730    |

- (a) The cumulative preferred stock is callable at the price indicated plus accrued dividends. If TCC defaults on preferred stock dividend payments for a period of one year or longer, preferred stock holders are entitled, voting separately as one class, to elect the number of directors necessary to constitute a majority of the full board of directors.
- (b) TCC has 3,035,000 authorized shares in total.

| Series | Number of Shares Redeemed for the Year Ended December 31, |      |      |
|--------|---|------|------|
|        | 2009  | 2008 | 2007 |
| 4.00%  | 165   | -    | -    |

## Long-term Debt

There are certain limitations on establishing liens against TCC's assets under its indentures. None of the long-term debt obligations of TCC have been guaranteed or secured by AEP or any of its affiliates.

The following details long-term debt outstanding as of December 31, 2009 and 2008:

| Type of Debt  | Maturity      | Weighted Average                         | Interest Rate Ranges at        |              | Outstanding at                 |                     |
|---|---------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
|   |               | Interest Rate at<br>December 31,<br>2009 | December 31,<br>2009      2008 |              | December 31,<br>2009      2008 |                     |
| (in thousands)                                      |               |  |                                |              |                                |                     |
| Senior Unsecured Notes                              | 2033          | 6.65%                                    | 6.65%                          | 6.65%        | \$ 275,000                     | \$ 275,000          |
| Pollution Control Bonds (a)                         | 2011-2030 (b) | 5.18%                                    | 4.40%-6.30%                    | 4.40%-5.625% | 489,820                        | 389,185             |
| Securitization Bonds                                | 2010-2020 (c) | 5.35%                                    | 4.98%-6.25%                    | 4.98%-6.25%  | 1,995,021                      | 2,132,162           |
| Unamortized Discount                                |               |  |                                |              | (1,875)                        | (2,050)             |
| <b>Total Long-term Debt</b>                         |               |  |                                |              | <u>2,757,966</u>               | <u>2,794,297</u>    |
| <b>Less: Long-term Debt Due<br/>Within One Year</b> |               |  |                                |              | <u>147,833</u>                 | <u>137,141</u>      |
| <b>Long-term Debt</b>                               |               |  |                                |              | <u>\$ 2,610,133</u>            | <u>\$ 2,657,156</u> |

- (a) Under the terms of the pollution control bonds, TCC is required to pay amounts sufficient to enable the payment of interest on and the principal of (at stated maturities and upon mandatory redemptions) related pollution control revenue bonds issued to finance the construction of pollution control facilities at certain plants. For certain series of pollution control bonds, interest rates are subject to periodic adjustment. Interest payments range from weekly to semi-annually. Letters of credit from banks, standby bond purchase agreements and insurance policies support certain series.
- (b) Certain pollution control bonds are subject to mandatory redemption earlier than the maturity date. Consequently, these bonds have been classified for maturity and repayment purposes based on the mandatory redemption date.
- (c) Dates represent the scheduled final payment dates for this class of TCC's securitization bonds. The maturity date is one to two years later. These bonds have been classified for maturity and repayment purposes based on the scheduled final payment date.

Long-term debt outstanding at December 31, 2009 is payable as follows:

|                             | 2010       | 2011       | 2012       | 2013       | 2014       | After 2014   | Total               |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|---------------------|
| (in thousands)              |            |            |            |            |            |              |                     |
| Principal Amount            | \$ 147,833 | \$ 279,708 | \$ 171,574 | \$ 184,518 | \$ 198,720 | \$ 1,777,488 | \$ 2,759,841        |
| Unamortized Discount        |            |            |            |            |            |              | (1,875)             |
| <b>Total Long-term Debt</b> |            |            |            |            |            |              | <u>\$ 2,757,966</u> |

In January 2010, TCC retired \$54 million of 4.98% and \$32 million of 5.56% Securitization Bonds due in 2010.



### Utility Money Pool – AEP System

The AEP System uses a corporate borrowing program to meet the short-term borrowing needs of its subsidiaries. The corporate borrowing program includes a Utility Money Pool, which funds the utility subsidiaries. The AEP System Utility Money Pool operates in accordance with the terms and conditions approved in a regulatory order. The amount of outstanding loans (borrowings) to/from the Utility Money Pool as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 are included in Advances to/from Affiliates on TCC's balance sheets. TCC's Utility Money Pool activity and corresponding authorized borrowing limits for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 are described in the following table:

| <u>Year</u>    | <u>Maximum Borrowings from Utility Money Pool</u> | <u>Maximum Loans to Utility Money Pool</u> | <u>Average Borrowings from Utility Money Pool</u> | <u>Average Loans to Utility Money Pool</u> | <u>Loans (Borrowings) to/from Utility Money Pool as of December 31,</u> | <u>Authorized Short-Term Borrowing Limit</u> |
|----------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| (in thousands) |   |  |   |  |   |  |
| 2009           | \$ 119,935  | \$ 176,578                                 | \$ 31,965   | \$ 135,806                                 | \$ 113,993  | \$ 250,000 (a)                               |
| 2008           | 111,363   | 183,166                                    | 42,550  | 80,300                                     | (107,293)   | 200,000                                      |

(a) In November 2009, TCC's short-term borrowing limit increased to \$250,000 under FERC authorization to allow the issuance of commercial paper, promissory notes and other forms of short-term indebtedness.

Maximum, minimum and average interest rates for funds either borrowed from or loaned to the Utility Money Pool for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 are summarized in the following table:

| <u>Years Ended December 31,</u> | <u>Maximum Interest Rates for Funds Borrowed from the Utility Money Pool</u> | <u>Minimum Interest Rates for Funds Borrowed from the Utility Money Pool</u> | <u>Maximum Interest Rates for Funds Loaned to the Utility Money Pool</u> | <u>Minimum Interest Rates for Funds Loaned to the Utility Money Pool</u> | <u>Average Interest Rates for Funds Borrowed from the Utility Money Pool</u> | <u>Average Interest Rates for Funds Loaned to the Utility Money Pool</u> |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 2009                            | 2.28%  | 0.65%  | 1.76%  | 0.15%  | 1.66%  | 0.39%  |
| 2008                            | 5.47%  | 2.28%  | 5.37%  | 2.91%  | 3.46%  | 4.09%  |
| 2007                            | -%   | -%   | 5.94%  | 5.16%  | -%   | 5.41%  |

Interest expense and interest income related to the Utility Money Pool are included in Interest Expense and Interest Income, respectively, in TCC's Consolidated Statements of Income. For amounts borrowed from and advanced to the Utility Money Pool, TCC incurred the following amounts of interest expense and earned the following amounts of interest income for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007:

|                  | <u>Years Ended December 31,</u> |             |             |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                  | <u>2009</u>                     | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|                  | (in thousands)                  |             |             |
| Interest Expense | \$ 263                          | \$ 741      | \$ -        |
| Interest Income  | 280                             | 1,697       | 10,606      |

### Dividend Restrictions

#### Federal Power Act

The Federal Power Act prohibits TCC from participating "in the making or paying of any dividends of such public utility from any funds properly included in capital account." The term "capital account" is not defined in the Federal Power Act or its regulations. Management understands "capital account" to mean the par value of the common stock multiplied by the number of shares outstanding. This restriction does not limit the ability of TCC to pay dividends out of retained earnings.

### *Charter and Leverage Restrictions*

Provisions within the articles or certificates of incorporation of TCC relating to preferred stock or shares restrict the payment of cash dividends on common and preferred stock or shares. Pursuant to credit agreement leverage restrictions, as of December 31, 2009, approximately \$137 million of the retained earnings of TCC have restrictions related to the payment of dividends.

### *Credit Facilities*

TCC and certain other companies in the AEP System have a \$627 million 3-year credit agreement. Under the facility, letters of credit may be issued. As of December 31, 2009, there were no outstanding amounts for TCC under the facility. TCC and certain other companies in the AEP System had a \$350 million 364-day credit agreement that expired in April 2009.

## **13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

For other related party transactions, also see “Electric Transmission Texas LLC (ETT)” section of Note 5 and “Utility Money Pool – AEP System” section of Note 12.

### *Affiliated Revenues*

TCC’s other revenues derived from sales to affiliates for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 were \$4.5 million, \$5.9 million and \$5.7 million, respectively. These related party revenues are reported as Sales to AEP Affiliates on TCC’s Consolidated Statements of Income.

### *System Transmission Integration Agreement*

AEP’s System Transmission Integration Agreement provides for the integration and coordination of the planning, operation and maintenance of the transmission facilities of AEP East companies’ and AEP West companies’ zones. The System Transmission Integration Agreement functions as an umbrella agreement in addition to the Transmission Agreement (TA) and the Transmission Coordination Agreement (TCA). The System Transmission Integration Agreement contains two service schedules that govern:

- The allocation of transmission costs and revenues and
- The allocation of third-party transmission costs and revenues and AEP System dispatch costs.

The System Transmission Integration Agreement anticipates that additional service schedules may be added as circumstances warrant.

APCo, CSPCo, I&M, KPCo and OPCo are parties to the TA, dated April 1, 1984, as amended, defining how they share the costs associated with their relative ownership of the extra-high-voltage transmission system (facilities rated 345 kV and above) and certain facilities operated at lower voltages (138 kV and above).

PSO, SWEPCo, TNC and AEPSC are parties to the TCA, originally dated January 1, 1997, as amended. The TCA has been approved by the FERC and establishes a coordinating committee, which is charged with overseeing the coordinated planning of the transmission facilities of the parties to the agreement, including the performance of transmission planning studies, the interaction of such companies with independent system operators (ISO) and other regional bodies interested in transmission planning and compliance with the terms of the OATT filed with the FERC and the rules of the FERC relating to such tariff.

Under the TCA, the parties to the agreement delegated to AEPSC the responsibility of monitoring the reliability of their transmission systems and administering the OATT on their behalf. The allocations have been governed by the FERC-approved OATT for the SPP (with respect to PSO, TNC and SWEPCo) and PUCT-approved protocols for ERCOT (with respect to TCC and TNC).

TCC's net charges allocated pursuant to the ERCOT protocols as described above during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 were \$1.7 million, \$1.5 million and \$1.1 million, respectively. The net charges are recorded in Other Operation on TCC's Consolidated Statements of Income.

**Assignment from SWEPCo, TCC and TNC to AEPEP**

On March 1, 2008, SWEPCo, TCC and TNC assigned a 20-year Purchase Power Agreement (PPA) to AEPEP. In addition to the PPA assignment, an intercompany agreement was executed between AEPEP and SWEPCo to provide SWEPCo with future margins related to its share. The PPA and intercompany agreements are effective through 2019.

**Sales and Purchases of Property**

TCC had affiliated sales and purchases of electric property individually amounting to \$100 thousand or more for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 as shown in the following table:

| Companies     | Years Ended December 31, |        |       |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------|-------|
|               | 2009                     | 2008   | 2007  |
|               | (in thousands)           |        |       |
| TCC to APCo   | \$ 426                   | \$ 220 | \$ -  |
| TCC to SWEPCo | 684                      | -      | -     |
| TNC to TCC    | -                        | -      | 2,300 |
| OPCo to TCC   | 526                      | -      | -     |

In addition, TCC had aggregate affiliated sales and purchases of meters and transformers for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 as shown in the following table:

|                  | APCo  | CSPCo | I&M   | KPCo | OPCo  | PSO   | SWEPCo | TNC    | Total    |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|--------|--------|----------|
| (in thousands)   |       |       |       |      |       |       |        |        |          |
| <b>Sales</b>     |       |       |       |      |       |       |        |        |          |
| 2009             | \$ 13 | \$ -  | \$ 72 | \$ - | \$ 19 | \$ 2  | \$ 87  | \$ 873 | \$ 1,066 |
| 2008             | 1     | -     | -     | -    | 1     | 9     | 535    | 494    | 1,040    |
| 2007             | 20    | 13    | -     | -    | 40    | 1     | 76     | 763    | 913      |
| <b>Purchases</b> |       |       |       |      |       |       |        |        |          |
| 2009             | \$ 44 | \$ -  | \$ 37 | \$ - | \$ 1  | \$ 26 | \$ 162 | \$ 750 | \$ 1,020 |
| 2008             | 73    | -     | 5     | 33   | 14    | -     | 13     | 334    | 472      |
| 2007             | 61    | -     | 4     | -    | 6     | -     | 26     | 199    | 296      |

The amounts above are recorded in Property, Plant and Equipment. Transfers are performed at cost.

**Intercompany Billings**

TCC performs certain utility services for other AEP subsidiaries when necessary or practical. The costs of these services are billed on a direct-charge basis, whenever possible, or on reasonable bases of proration for services that benefit multiple companies. The billings for services are made at cost and include no compensation for the use of equity capital. Billings are capitalized or expensed depending on the nature of the services rendered.

**Variable Interest Entities**

The accounting guidance for "Variable Interest Entities" is a consolidation model that considers risk absorption of a variable interest entity (VIE), also referred to as variability. Entities are required to consolidate a VIE when it is determined that they are the primary beneficiary of that VIE, as defined by the accounting guidance for "Variable Interest Entities." In determining whether TCC is the primary beneficiary of a VIE, management considers factors such as equity at risk, the amount of the VIE's variability TCC absorbs, guarantees of indebtedness, voting rights including kick-out rights, the power to direct the VIE and other factors. Management believes that the significant assumptions and judgments were applied consistently. There have been no changes to the reporting of VIEs in the financial statements where it is concluded that TCC is the primary beneficiary. In addition, TCC has not provided financial or other support to any VIE that was not previously contractually required.

TCC holds a significant variable interest in AEPSC. AEPSC provides certain managerial and professional services to TCC. AEP is the sole equity owner of AEPSC. The costs of the services are based on a direct charge or on a prorated basis and billed to TCC and other AEP subsidiaries at AEPSC's costs. TCC and other AEP subsidiaries have not provided financial or other support outside the reimbursement of costs for services rendered. The cost reimbursement nature of AEPSC finances its operations. There are no other terms or arrangements between AEPSC and TCC and other AEP subsidiaries that could require additional financial support from TCC and other AEP subsidiaries or expose them to losses outside of the normal course of business. AEPSC and its billings are subject to regulation by the FERC. TCC and other AEP subsidiaries are exposed to losses to the extent they cannot recover the cost of AEPSC through their normal business operations. TCC is considered to have a significant interest in the variability of AEPSC due to its activity in AEPSC's cost reimbursement structure. AEPSC is consolidated by AEP. In the event AEPSC would require financing or other support outside the cost reimbursement billings, this financing would be provided by AEP. Total billings from AEPSC for years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 were \$71 million and \$84 million, respectively. The carrying amount of liabilities associated with AEPSC for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 were both \$8 million. Management estimates the maximum exposure of loss to be equal to the amount of such liability.

#### 14. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

##### *Depreciation*

TCC provides for depreciation of Property, Plant and Equipment on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of property, generally using composite rates by functional class. The following table provides the annual composite depreciation rates by functional class:

| 2009         | Regulated                    |                               |                          |                                    | Nonregulated            |                               |                          |                                    |                         |
|--------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
|              | Functional Class of Property | Property, Plant and Equipment | Accumulated Depreciation | Annual Composite Depreciation Rate | Depreciable Life Ranges | Property, Plant and Equipment | Accumulated Depreciation | Annual Composite Depreciation Rate | Depreciable Life Ranges |
|              | (in thousands)               |                               |                          |                                    | (in years)              | (in thousands)                |                          |                                    | (in years)              |
| Transmission | \$ 1,088,666                 | \$ 225,506                    | 1.5%                     | 50-81                              | \$ -                    | \$ -                          | -                        | -                                  | -                       |
| Distribution | 1,836,606                    | 385,177                       | 3.0%                     | 22-64                              | -                       | -                             | -                        | -                                  | -                       |
| CWIP         | 80,373                       | (3,320)                       | N.M.                     | N.M.                               | -                       | -                             | -                        | -                                  | -                       |
| Other        | 225,678                      | 77,929                        | 7.3%                     | N.M.                               | 3,380                   | 1,079                         | N.M.                     | N.M.                               | N.M.                    |
| <b>Total</b> | <u>\$ 3,231,323</u>          | <u>\$ 685,292</u>             |                          |                                    | <u>\$ 3,380</u>         | <u>\$ 1,079</u>               |                          |                                    |                         |

| 2008         | Regulated                    |                               |                          |                                    | Nonregulated            |                               |                          |                                    |                         |
|--------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
|              | Functional Class of Property | Property, Plant and Equipment | Accumulated Depreciation | Annual Composite Depreciation Rate | Depreciable Life Ranges | Property, Plant and Equipment | Accumulated Depreciation | Annual Composite Depreciation Rate | Depreciable Life Ranges |
|              | (in thousands)               |                               |                          |                                    | (in years)              | (in thousands)                |                          |                                    | (in years)              |
| Transmission | \$ 1,085,999                 | \$ 216,049                    | 1.4%                     | 50-81                              | \$ -                    | \$ -                          | -                        | -                                  | -                       |
| Distribution | 1,769,485                    | 350,504                       | 3.0%                     | 22-64                              | -                       | -                             | -                        | -                                  | -                       |
| CWIP         | 110,690                      | (1,663)                       | N.M.                     | N.M.                               | -                       | -                             | -                        | -                                  | -                       |
| Other        | 228,921                      | 98,428                        | 6.8%                     | N.M.                               | 2,978                   | 1,057                         | N.M.                     | N.M.                               | N.M.                    |
| <b>Total</b> | <u>\$ 3,195,095</u>          | <u>\$ 663,318</u>             |                          |                                    | <u>\$ 2,978</u>         | <u>\$ 1,057</u>               |                          |                                    |                         |

| 2007         | Regulated                    |                                    | Nonregulated            |                                    |                         |
|--------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
|              | Functional Class of Property | Annual Composite Depreciation Rate | Depreciable Life Ranges | Annual Composite Depreciation Rate | Depreciable Life Ranges |
|              |                              |                                    | (in years)              |                                    | (in years)              |
| Transmission |                              | 1.6%                               | 50-81                   | -                                  | -                       |
| Distribution |                              | 3.2%                               | 22-64                   | -                                  | -                       |
| CWIP         |                              | N.M.                               | N.M.                    | -                                  | -                       |
| Other        |                              | 6.0%                               | N.M.                    | N.M.                               | N.M.                    |

N.M. = Not Meaningful

The composite depreciation rate generally includes a component for nonasset retirement obligation (non-ARO) removal costs, which is credited to Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization. Actual removal costs incurred are charged to Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization. Any excess of accrued non-ARO removal costs over actual removal costs incurred is reclassified from Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization and reflected as a regulatory liability.

### ***Asset Retirement Obligations (ARO)***

TCC records ARO in accordance with the accounting guidance for “Asset Retirement and Environmental Obligations” for asbestos removal. TCC has identified, but not recognized, ARO liabilities related to electric transmission and distribution assets, as a result of certain easements on property on which assets are owned. Generally, such easements are perpetual and require only the retirement and removal of assets upon the cessation of the property’s use. The retirement obligation is not estimable for such easements since TCC plans to use its facilities indefinitely. The retirement obligation would only be recognized if and when TCC abandons or ceases the use of specific easements, which is not expected.

The following is a reconciliation of the 2009 and 2008 aggregate carrying amounts of ARO for TCC:

| <u>Year</u>    | <u>ARO at January 1,</u> | <u>Accretion Expense</u> | <u>Liabilities Incurred</u> | <u>Liabilities Settled</u> | <u>Revisions in Cash Flow Estimates</u> | <u>ARO at December 31,</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| (in thousands) |                          |                          |                             |                            |   |                            |
| 2009           | \$ 1,402                 | \$ 88                    | \$ -                        | \$ (21)                    | \$ -                                    | \$ 1,469                   |
| 2008           | 1,330                    | 85                       | -                           | (13)                       | -                                       | 1,402                      |

### ***Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC) and Interest Capitalization***

TCC’s amounts of allowance for borrowed and equity funds used during construction are summarized in the following table:

|   | <u>Years Ended December 31,</u> |             |             |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | <u>2009</u>                     | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|   | (in thousands)                  |             |             |
| Allowance for Equity Funds Used During Construction   | \$ 2,113                        | \$ 3,162    | \$ 3,232    |
| Allowance for Borrowed Funds Used During Construction | 1,798                           | 2,896       | 2,683       |

### ***Jointly-owned Electric Facilities***

In February 2007, TCC sold its 7.8% ownership share of Unit No. 1 at the Oklaunion Generating Station that was jointly-owned with PSO, TNC and various nonaffiliated companies. Each of the participating companies was obligated to pay its share of the costs in the same proportion as its ownership interest. TCC’s proportionate share of the operating costs associated with this facility is included in its Consolidated Statements of Income.

## 15. UNAUDITED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

In management's opinion, the unaudited quarterly information reflects all normal and recurring accruals and adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of net income for interim periods. Quarterly results are not necessarily indicative of a full year's operations because of various factors. TCC's unaudited quarterly financial information is as follows:

|                  | <b>2009 Quarterly Periods Ended</b> |                |                     |                    |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|                  | <b>March 31</b>                     | <b>June 30</b> | <b>September 30</b> | <b>December 31</b> |
|                  | (in thousands)                      |                |                     |                    |
| Revenues         | \$ 189,782                          | \$ 222,176     | \$ 257,904          | \$ 210,322         |
| Operating Income | 62,324                              | 69,319         | 88,998              | 53,600             |
| Net Income       | 15,544                              | 20,915         | 33,543              | 11,870             |

  

|                  | <b>2008 Quarterly Periods Ended</b> |                |                     |                    |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|                  | <b>March 31</b>                     | <b>June 30</b> | <b>September 30</b> | <b>December 31</b> |
|                  | (in thousands)                      |                |                     |                    |
| Revenues         | \$ 181,042                          | \$ 212,989     | \$ 231,673          | \$ 211,335 (a)     |
| Operating Income | 50,456                              | 66,270         | 75,037              | 74,283 (a)         |
| Net Income       | 7,366                               | 18,195         | 23,300              | 36,976 (a)         |

(a) See "Allocation of Off-system Sales Margins" section of Note 2 for discussion of the financial statement impact of the FERC's November 2008 order related to the SIA.

There were no significant events in 2009.